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The Red Arrows provide a patriotic climax to yesterday's flypast over Buckingham Palace to the delight of the cheering crowd of more than 250,000 in The Mall

Queen Mother holds centre stage on VE-Day of fun

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND JOHN YOUNG

HUGE crowds took to the streets of London yesterday to bring the weekend's commemorations of the end of the Second World War to a carnival climax, and to pay popular tribute to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the living symbol of a nation's fortitude in oppression.

After two days of solemn commemorationand thanksgiving, the country's mood turned to celebration, as on May 8, 1945, with massive outpouring of national pride outside Buckingham Palace, and informal street parties across the land.

The fiftieth anniversary drew to a dramatic close in Hyde Park last night with a concert attended by thousands, and the lighting of the first of a chain of beacons by the Queen after a two-minute silence for those who died in the conflict.

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The evening's programme included a reading by the actor Robert Hardy of Sir Winston Churchill's address to the crowds in Whitehall in 1945. He said: "Neither the long years, nor the dangers, nor the fierce attacks of the enemy have in any way weakened the independent resolve of the British nation."

That had been amply demonstrated all weekend as more than a million people visited the celebration site in Hyde Park; yesterday it was closed several times as the 150,000 capacity was reached, while many more queued for a chance to play a small part in the commemorations.

Although heavily stage-managed, the celebrations achieved much, not least the reuniting of hundreds of old comrades and a resurgence in the esteem of the royal family. And as a piece of theatre, the recreation of the 1945 Buckingham Palace balcony scene was the hit of the weekend, drawing a crowd of well over a quarter of a million to cheer the leading lady to the echo.

In the original production, the King, Queen, their two daughters and Winston Churchill appeared on the balcony to acknowledge the cheers and gratitude of an enormous and spontaneous gathering in VE-Day party mood. Yesterday the three surviving members of the original company drew a singing, flag-waving audience that stretched half a mile from the palace. As to who was the star, there was no doubt. When the balcony doors opened and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother stepped into view, the crowd greeted her with a cheer loud enough to drive London's entire pigeon population aloft. It was intended that she should have the stage to herself for a few moments, but she was soon followed by the Queen and Princess Margaret.

From an elevated stage in front of the palace gates, Cliff Richard, a war baby, led the singing of *Congratulations*. The Queen Mother smiled broadly and waved, clearly relishing such a milestone on the road of a remarkable life.

Dame Vera Lynn took over the microphone for *The White Cliffs of Dover*, lustily supported by 250,000 voices. On the balcony, the royal trio

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Tory Right get the knives out for Clarke

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JAMES LANDALE

SENIOR Conservative right-wingers last night urged John Major to risk losing his Chancellor by ordering a radical shift in policy on the economy and Europe.

They said he should be prepared to accept Kenneth Clarke's resignation if that was the price of putting the Conservative Party back in touch with its natural supporters.

The demands for a swing to the Right — and the sniping at Mr Clarke — came as Tory MPs prepare to return to Westminster today after a long weekend absorbing the grim lessons of last week's local elections débâcle.

Downing Street officials have fiercely rejected suggestions of a rift between Mr Major and Mr Clarke, but the Chancellor's standing has been damaged by a series of miscalculations, culminating last week in the confusion over taxation of mortgage insurance payouts. Rightwingers said he had proved the fly in the ointment at the polls.

The decision to leave interest rates unchanged has also left Mr Clarke exposed as the foreign exchange market reopens in London today. If dealers dump sterling and he is belatedly forced to raise base rates, his future will be in serious doubt. Kenneth Baker, the former party chairman, and Sir Peter Fry, MP for Wellingborough, have already urged Mr Major to move Mr Clarke, and more Tories turned their fire on him yesterday, with one calling for Michael Portillo or Peter Lilley to take over.

Leading figures inside and outside the Government said the clear message from the council rout was that only a wholesale overhaul of policy could save the Tories from a general election wipeout. That meant swift and decisive action to cut taxes, spending and borrowing, and outright repudiation of plans for closer European integration, including a single currency.

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Mr Clarke, the leading Europhile Cabinet minister, should not be allowed a veto over the survival plan, the MPs said as they scorned claims that a failure to communicate lay behind the loss of more than 2,000 Tory council seats.

One leading right-winger said: "The Prime Minister is unwilling to take the kind of action needed to seize the political initiative. Clarke is a straitjacket on innovative action and a lot of people think he is a liability.

"The Prime Minister has got to be prepared to risk the odd resignation by ordering radical changes on economic and European policy. If that means one or two people leaving the Cabinet in a huff, so be it. It might be the price of John Major's survival as leader."

Rightwingers complained that Mr Major was fond of saying that his instincts were with them over Europe, but that if he followed their advice he would be faced with four or five resignations. They said it was time to call the Cabinet moderates' bluff.

One prominent figure said it was clear from the doorsteps that a lot of "bruised Tories" were waiting for the opportunity to come back to the fold. But they wanted an apology for past economic mistakes and a return to the tax-cutting agenda of the 1980s.

But there were strong doubts that Mr Major would take such a gamble and one said: "I expect us to limp on to the autumn with a lame duck leader."

Stranded climbers are rescued

Mountain rescuers winched two men to safety after they had spent 56 hours stranded on one of Scotland's most hazardous mountain ranges.

The climbers, who spent two nights trapped in freezing conditions on the Cuillin Hills on Skye, were taken to Broadford Hospital in Portree, suffering from hypothermia and mild frostbite. One of them was unconscious and believed to be seriously ill.....Page 6

Corporal first to win new medal

The first award of the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, which is second only to the Victoria Cross for courageous acts by members of the Armed Forces, has been given to a corporal who saved the lives of his patrol in Bosnia.....Page 8

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The Government is considering ditching its tough controls on local authority budgets to allow newly elected Labour councils to go on a spending spree that would be funded by council tax increases.....Page 4

Peking alert

Peking has ordered a national alert before and after the sixth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre on June 4. The move is also aimed at guarding against unrest if Deng Xiaoping dies.....Page 11

Breast cancer units 'failing to save hundreds'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

MORE than half of the 230 hospitals treating women with breast cancer are failing to meet minimum standards for care, according to specialists.

Inferior treatment provided by surgeons with little experience of breast cancer and inadequate back-up from specialist colleagues is contributing to hundreds of unnecessary deaths a year.

A report seen by *The Times* and drawn up by leading specialists from the British Breast Group, the British Association of Surgical Oncology and the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, says that breast cancer units must treat at least 100 new cases a year, and have a full range of specialists on site to provide for all aspects of a patient's care.

But a survey by the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund this year showed that at least 40 hospitals fall below the minimum 100 new cases, and many others do not have a full range of specialists providing multi-disciplinary care.

The report, *Definition of a Breast Cancer Unit*, was drawn up in response to Government plans for a network of specialist cancer units to be established in local hospitals. It says that many hospitals claim to have breast cancer services "but it is known that only a few have them well-organised . . . and the quality of each individual service is uncertain."

Susan Butler, head of public affairs at Cancer Relief Macmillan, said that 100 of the 230 hospitals providing breast cancer treatment in Britain "are fulfilling all the requirements" of a breast cancer unit. Seventy more were near to meeting the requirements, but the remaining 60 units may be closed or merged. The report says that the UK needs 170 to 200 cancer units.

Britain has the highest death rate in the world from breast cancer, which takes 16,000 lives a year. Last month the Government published plans to end the "cancer lottery" and give every patient access to the highest standards of care.

Dr Kenneth Calman, the Government's Chief Medical Officer, said guidelines on the exact number of cases required to qualify as a cancer unit would be developed. He cited research showing that survival rates for women treated in specialist units were almost 9 per cent higher after five years, and more than 7 per cent higher after ten years.

The all-party Commons Health Select Committee, which is investigating breast cancer services, pressed Dr Calman and Baroness Cumberlege, the junior health minister, to set national minimum standards at a hearing last week.

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Carling reinstated to lead World Cup squad

Carling: apologised for his "old farts" comment on TV

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WILL CARLING was yesterday reinstated as captain of the England rugby union team less than 72 hours after being sacked for describing the governing body's committee on television as "57 old farts".

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) cleared Carling to lead England in the World Cup, which begins in South Africa in 16 days time.

Carling repeated his apology to the RFU officials. He said: "I regret what I said and I do not blame the people who made the documentary [on television]. But I should not have made those comments". He said that he hoped the action of Dennis Easby, the RFU president, would lead to players having "a bit more respect for him. He has avoided what could have been a bad stand-off."

Jack Rowell, the England team manager said that the incident might bring the squad closer together. "On the other hand there has been a lot of mental disruption which I would rather had not happened a fortnight before we hit the ground in South Africa."

The RFU warned, however, that Carling's reinstatement was "subject to certain conditions, which will remain confidential and a written undertaking by Carling that he will not say or imply during this period anything which serves to denigrate or bring into disrepute the game or the RFU".

Carling, who has led England in 48 matches of which 37 have been won, met RFU officials at Twickenham knowing that all the 25 England players had backed him and asked the officers to reconsider their decision.

The RFU denied that their decision was a climb down, but the rugby world will believe that the authority's decision is a victory for the players and their desire to have a greater share in the running and the profits of the game.

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Archbishop and Cardinal join Chief Rabbi in synagogue memorial service

Prince of Wales emphasises value of remembrance

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Prince of Wales said yesterday that acts of remembrance for the sacrifices and horror of the Second World War were a safeguard for civilisation. Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Thought for the Day*, the Prince said humanity had not conquered the dark side of the human condition.

"That is why the simple conscious act of remembering is so crucial to our continued survival as civilised human beings," he said. There was "a gossamer-thin line" between utter barbarity and civilised values, those for which hundreds of thousands in Britain and the Commonwealth gave their lives in the last war.

"Just as Christ paid the ultimate sacrifice for his God-given inner convictions and wished his disciples to remember him, so too did numberless inmates of prisons and concentration camps, who died in captivity, or whose who were going into battle, perhaps for the last time, beg their comrades to ensure they were remembered," he said.

Many would have put their trust in a higher and more mysterious power, glimpsing something of the divine dimension beyond "in a way unknown to the majority of my generation", he said.

The Prince of Wales is the first member of the Royal family to deliver Radio 4's morning religious feature. He wrote the three-minute piece in his garden at Highgrove, and recorded it for the *Today* programme in advance.

Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, speaking at the memorial service for the fiftieth anniversary of VE-Day at the Bevis Marks Synagogue in the City of London, the oldest functioning synagogue in the country, also emphasised the moral importance of remembrance. The service, attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, was thought to be the first time that a British Cardinal, Archbishop and Chief Rabbi had been at a synagogue service together.

Dr Sacks said: "VE-Day asks us to remember the past for the sake of the future. What led to the war was not merely diplomatic failure but moral failure. What won the war was not only military courage but

Charles: radio address

moral courage. And the great questions that lie before us are still moral questions."

He said the war was "the bloodiest conflict in history" in which 20,000 people died on average every day for five-and-a-half years. "But even as we are numbed by the thought of this vast encompassing loss of life, we as Jews carry in our hearts today a special and personal burden of grief.

"For we cannot forget, nor will we ever forget, that under the smoke of battle another tragedy was taking place. By the time the war was over, two-thirds of the Jews of Europe, one-third of the Jewish people, had been murdered, gassed, burned and turned to ashes."

He continued: "It has taken 50 years to articulate our grief. It has taken many of the survivors until now even to speak of their memories."

He said the Holocaust was more than just the Jewish tragedy. "It is the human tragedy." But humanity was not condemned to suffer history as an endless repetition. "We can change the course of history because we can change ourselves. But we can change history only if we remember history. We have to remember what it was like to be a slave if we are to create a society of freedom. We have to remember the valley of the shadow of death if we are to cherish and sanctify life."

Dr Sacks said there was much work to be done, and the hatred that fuelled the Holocaust had not ended 50 years ago. "It surfaces today wherever racism, prejudice or xenophobia lay their hold on the human heart." Despite all the advances in science and technology, "the most important challenges we face are still those set out in the book of Genesis".

☐ The Prince of Wales yesterday attended an ecumenical VE Day thanksgiving service in Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff where 15 religious denominations were represented. Pastor Herbert Volker, who is from Germany and works at Cardiff's Lutheran Church, and Rabbi Elaina Rothman were among those who attended the gathering, dedicated to the themes of liberation, reconciliation, peace and unity.

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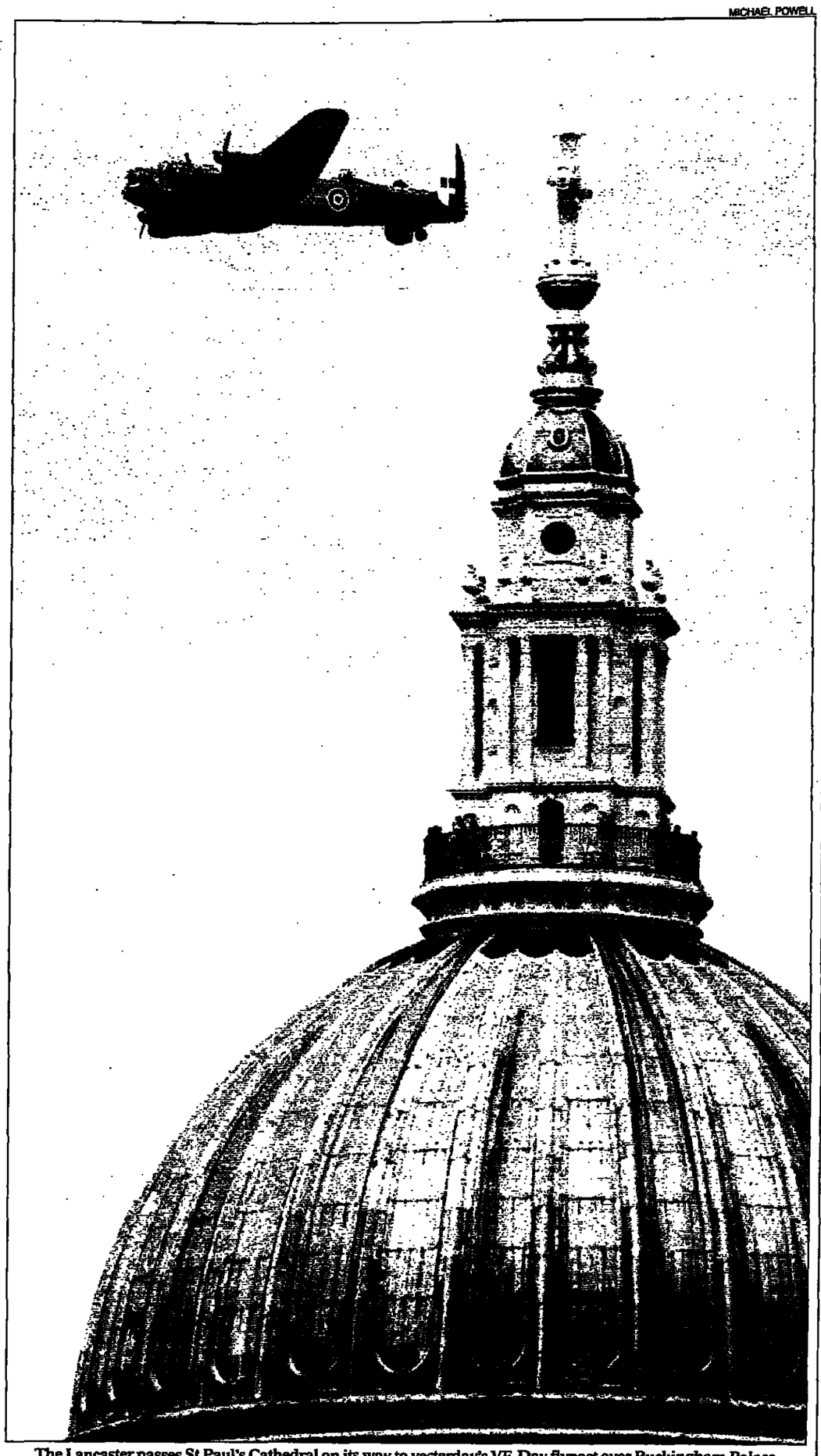


The Lancaster passes St Paul's Cathedral on its way to yesterday's VE-Day flypast over Buckingham Palace

Major pays tribute to Kohl

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

JOHN MAJOR took advantage of Berlin ceremonies marking the end of the war in Europe to make overtures to the German leadership in the Franco-German hiatus following the election of Jacques Chirac to the French presidency.

Mr Major impressed the Germans with a flattering reference to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, in the rebuilding of Europe. "Many have contributed to this [rebuilding]: Churchill and de Gaulle, Roosevelt, Truman and Kennedy, Gorbachev, Konrad Adenauer who rebuilt Germany and you, Herr Bundeskanzler, who saw it reunited in peace and freedom."

This reference and unusually warm reception on the part of the German leader may reflect a British attempt to build a closer Anglo-German friendship and exploit the inevitable uncertainties that will now occur in the Franco-German relationship. Mr Major also earned German applause when he spoke of remembering "all sides who fell in the last war".

Russia, however, received no mention, in what was seen as a move to avoid any suggestion that the British Government tacitly supported President Boris Yeltsin's bloody military offensive in Chechnya, which has cast a shadow over the anniversary.

Red Cross highlights refugees as innocent victims of war

■ As the British Red Cross celebrates 125 years of humanitarian aid, Ruth Gledhill finds how the victims of conflict still rely on the organisation

ONE part of Hyde Park stood out over the weekend as a reminder that, for thousands of refugees, the price of war is still being paid. Visitors to the VE-Day celebrations donated thousands of pounds to the Red Cross after visiting the replica refugee camp, squeezed between the United Nations pavilion and Nato tent at Hyde Park.

The camp, complete with medical centre, water purification plant and food distribution tent, was an accurate microcosm of the reality facing two million Rwandan refugees in Zaire, Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda itself.

More than ten thousand visitors were registered and followed the path of a refugee through food distribution, health checks and the message and tracing service, which is helping refugees to find and stay in touch with their families. The British Red Cross, which raised £12 million from its Rwandan appeal, has spent all but £2 million helping the refugees.

According to the International Red Cross, food remains a critical issue in Goma, Zaire, with rations cut in the two large camps of Kibumba and Kahindo, and security is deteriorating. A crisis in Burundi is being monitored closely and preparations are being made in Tanzania for a possible influx of refugees from Burundi.

Geoffrey Dennis, international director of the British Red Cross, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, said: "In the camps at the moment it is pouring down with rain. Everything is mud and squalor. It is also quite cold.

"There is a serious problem in that the refugees are not going to go back to Rwanda. They are beginning to grow vegetables and set up plots.

"We have to get the message across to the Tanzanian and Zairean governments that these people are not going back. The best thing they can do is to give them more land, so that they can start running their own lives again."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, will visit Rwanda today to encourage the mission of the Anglican Church in helping with long-term reconciliation and rebuilding. He is seeking "to demonstrate the prayerful support and compassion of the Worldwide Anglican Communion for the suffering people of Rwanda, as they try to rebuild their lives and institutions following the traumatic events of the last two years," a spokeswoman said.

The British Red Cross, helped more than 1,500 people at the Hyde Park VE-Day celebrations over the weekend.

Three hundred wheelchairs were in constant use for the elderly and disabled. One was on permanent standby for the Queen Mother but in spite of the heat she did not need it, a Red Cross spokesman said. A fleet of 12 minibuses ran a perimeter transport service for 500 veterans and the elderly. These were part of the Red Cross medical loan and transport and escort services, which come under the charity's community programme. In London, the transport service is particularly used for escorting patients from one mainline British Rail station to another.

At Hyde Park, more than 500 people were also treated at four First Aid depots. They were mainly suffering from heat exhaustion and dehydration. In a separate venture, the Red Cross and Oxford Street traders organised a joint street party for 1,250 children.

VE-DAY

Scotland reflects in sombre fashion

The VE-Day commemorations in Scotland were low-key and dignified with few street parties and little flag-waving. (Gillian Bowditch writes). The Princess Royal, accompanied by husband, Commander Timothy Laurence, read the lesson from St Matthew's Gospel at a memorial sevice in St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh.

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Rev Dr James Simpson, conducting the service, described war as "at best a tragedy, at worst an obscenity". Hundreds of veterans joined Scottish political leaders at the service in which the dead of the Second World War were remembered and prayers were said for the new Germany.

Arrows fly to Bangor

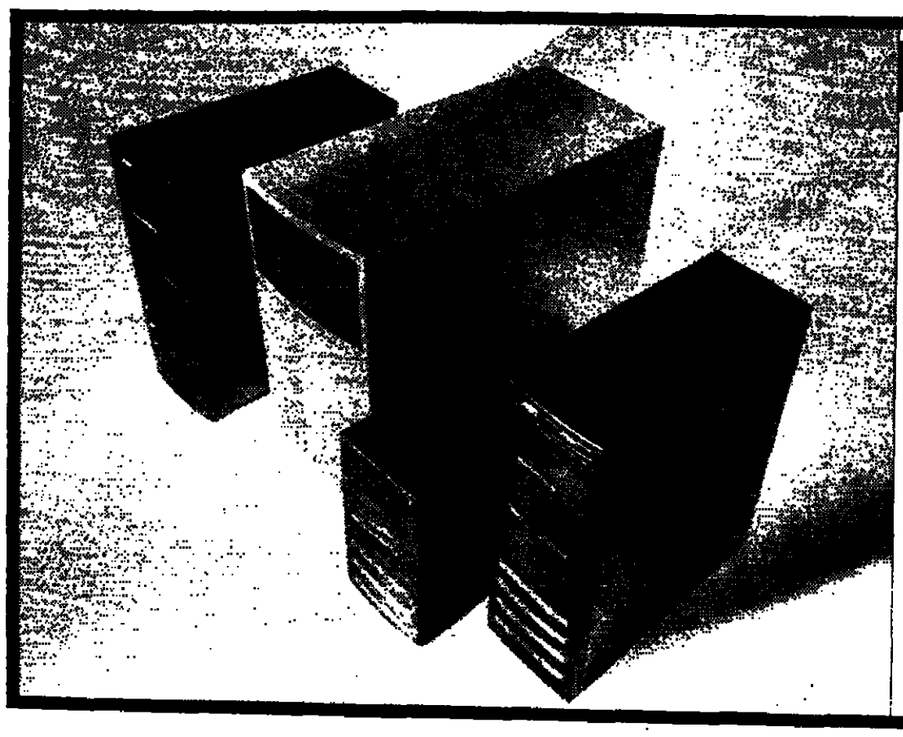
A spectacular display by the Red Arrows over Bangor, Co Down, formed the centrepiece of Northern Ireland's VE-Day celebrations yesterday.Thousands flocked to the seaside resort, which was festooned with bunting and Union flags for two huge open air parties on the dockside and in the town's Castle Park. The Duke of York, who was on the final day of a three-day visit, was cheered as he toured the party in the park. He was later guest of honour at a lunch for veterans in Bangor Castle.

Bradford 12 reunite

A dozen friends captured on camera 50 years ago celebrating VE Day with a street party returned to the same road in Bradford yesterday to pose for the cameras again. The street party in Bolton Road, Undercliffe, was attended by Janet Whiteley, the only surviving parent from the faded photograph, who was also marking her 85th birthday yesterday. "In the excitement in 1945 my birthday was forgotten by everyone — even myself," she said. Her daughter, Dorothy, eventually married a German from Bremen.

Manchester singalong

Albert Square, the Victorian centrepiece of wartime Manchester, was the venue for a party attended by more than 10,000 people last night (Kate Alderson writes). Revellers waved flags and sang along to wartime songs as a parade of vehicles from the war circled the square. The music was led by the Police Band, which also paraded 50 years ago in the square. A fly-past of aircraft including a De Havilland Mosquito light bomber took place shortly after a mock air raid siren sounded over the city.



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Wave of nostalgia turns the clock back fifty years

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL AND JOHN YOUNG

IF THERE had been a roof over The Mall yesterday, the crowd of more than 250,000 stretching half a mile from Buckingham Palace would have raised it easily as they turned back the clock 50 years in a welter of nostalgia.

Many of those present had stood on the same spot on May 8, 1945, waving then as now at the Royal Family on the balcony. Penny Mewes, of Dulwich, south London, was serving with the WAAF in Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

"We heard the news of the surrender in the mess but we didn't have newspapers or radios so we didn't realise what was going on. We asked each other what we should do and eventually we got leave passes and I went home and came up here the next day with my mother and sister.

"It was a lovely day. We all adored our King and Queen and the princesses. Everyone was so enjoying it. It was such a joyous day."

For Frederick Adams, formerly of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, celebrations were mixed with tragedy. Four days after VE-Day his ammunition lorry was blown up by a mine in Germany and four of his comrades were killed.

Angela Mason, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, was in her last year at school when the war ended. "I came here with my parents and brother. It was just like this but a lot noisier. The King and Queen kept coming out on to the balcony, and the crowd were shouting for them. There was tremendous jubilation. It was not so restrained as this. People were hugging and kissing each other."

Grace Kilbourne, 75, who once again strained for a view of the balcony, said: "The Queen Mother is absolutely marvellous. She is loved even more now than she was then."

Mrs Kilbourne, a widow from Stamford Hill, north London, recalled: "VE Day was just an extraordinary outpouring of relief. I don't remember how I got there to rejoice with the King and Queen. But I remember walking all the way home after I'd taken my shoes off, my feet were killing me. How can you describe what it was like? It was a hundred times better than today, and today is fantastic."

Hans Newbroch, of Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire, who was there with his wife Greta, was serving in RAF Bomber Command at the time. "I got three days leave and came down from Huntingdon. I remember the tremendous crowds and wonderful spirit. It was one great festival. There was a huge sense of relief.

"Afterwards I went back and resumed training because we expected to go to the Far East. Some very good friends of mine, a New Zealand air crew, died in a crash on May 10. I felt how awful for their families, that their relief that they had survived the war was shattered so quickly."

Dorothy Smith, a 76-year-old widow, was born a cockney and now lives in Sudbury, Suffolk. Yesterday she got as close as she could to the Victoria Memorial with her son Bill, 56, with whom she had been evacuated to Newton Abbot in Devon while her husband, George, served with the Royal Army Service Corps in Italy.

Mr Smith said: "I remember her saying one day, 'The war's over. Your father's coming home'. I went to the corner and waited for him but I couldn't see him. It was six months before he did come home. I wanted to be here today to remember all that."

Among the oldest people present yesterday was Leo Kempt, 86, who served in the Home Guard during the Blitz. He was working in a flour mill in the East End on VE-Day. After work he "just went out and got really plastered".

At the other end of the age scale was Adam Grimes, 11, from Warwick. "I don't know a lot about the war," he said, "but I know we won, beating the Germans and the Japanese, and that Hitler shot himself. We haven't done it at school yet but we will."

The vast crowd in The Mall may have been more restrained than 50 years ago but in many ways it seemed not dissimilar. There was a good humour, a gentleness, a cheerfulness and a camaraderie that echoed a less cynical age.

Dame Vera Lynn sang for the old soldiers and Cliff Richard for the war babies. Sir Harry Secombe belted out *If I Ruled the World*.

"That's one for Adolf," said Harry Harding, a retired docker in West Ham Football Club regalia. "Shame he couldn't come."

ARTHUR EDWARDS

The Queen and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother take to the balcony 50 years after appearing with King George and Princess Margaret

Database helps 1,000 to search out old comrades

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

TWO former comrades from 53 Heavy Regiment Royal Artillery were reunited yesterday half a century after sharing guard duty at an internment camp at New Neumünster, North Germany.

What Bombadier James "Ali" Barber, aged 81, and Ian "Aitchie" Aitchison, 71, a driver mechanic, did not realise until they debriefed each other in Hyde Park was that they operated on each other's doorstep in Civvy Street. Mr Barber, who ran the staff club of an advertising agency until his retirement, lives off Baker Street in west London, while Mr Aitchison, a retired bus driver, drives sightseeing tours starting from the same street.

The reunion was the first face-to-face meeting between veterans who registered with British Telecom's Veteran Link database system during VE-Day celebrations. In the past three days, 3,500 veterans have logged their details in a search for old regimental friends, and more than 1,000 of those are expected to be reunited in the next few weeks.

Mr Aitchison, a Scotsman now living in Elephant & Castle, south London, said: "It's a long time ago, but I recognised Jim all right. The reunion means an awful lot. It will be nice to rekindle the memories. For six years we were all like one big family, and then we lost touch."

Mr Barber raised a glass of claret and said: "We're going to meet up on a regular basis from now on. You can be sure of that. This debriefing could take a lifetime. We travelled thousands of miles together."

Roy Eaton, a sapper in the 1052 Port Maintenance Company of the Royal Engineers, last saw his fellow soldiers 50 years ago to the day. He left Hyde Park delighted after being told that a friend was alive in New Zealand.

Another veteran, Able Seaman Wally Spare, registered on Sunday, asking to be put in touch with anyone who served on HMS Petard. Within minutes the database came up with nine names.

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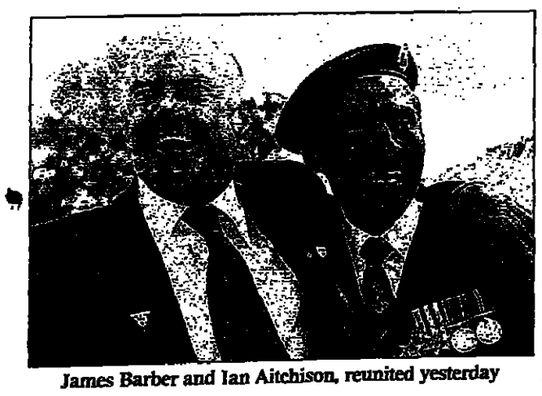

James Barber and Ian Aitchison, reunited yesterday

Day of fun

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joined in, without the benefit of the songsheets distributed to a crowd mostly too young to remember the original.

Suddenly, at only a few hundred feet, a Swordfish biplane came puttering down the Mall and over the palace roof, the first of a flypast of historic wartime aircraft. It was followed by the Dakota and the Catalina, the Mosquito and the Hurricane. The crowd gave particular greeting to the four-engined growl of a Lancaster bomber, one of only two still flying, but sadly, the most celebrated aircraft of all, the Spitfire, had been grounded at the last moment by engine trouble.

As the Red Arrows, trailing red, white and blue smoke, brought up the rear, the crowd was awoken from its nostalgia by a series of explosions from the palace roof, signalling the start of a firework display that gave a fair impression of anti-aircraft fire.

The crowd launched into *Rule Britannia* and *Land of Hope and Glory*; the Queen Mother sang along merrily while her elder daughter peered over the balcony edge to see how her bands were performing on the palace forecourt. As they played the National Anthem, the crowd gave three spontaneous cheers; the royal party gave a final wave and went inside.

But the crowd was not satisfied. They began to sing *For She's a Jolly Good Fellow*. Dame Vera Lynn returned for *Wish Me Luck as you Wave Me Goodbye* and the balcony doors reopened to allow the royal party a brief encore, the Queen Mother singing along in a show of considerable gusto for a lady of 94. As she turned away for the last time, she was bade farewell with a frenzy of flag-waving and three more cheers.

Inside the palace railings Viscount Astor, the tourism minister, peered out at the sea of faces. "We wanted it to look full, and we have certainly achieved that," he said. "We have had the thanksgiving and the solemnity; this was the time for fun."

Veterans of Far East theatre prepare for August tribute

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THOUSANDS of servicemen could not participate in the outpouring of joy on May 8, 1945. For those in the Far East and Southeast Asia the future remained uncertain.

The fiftieth anniversary of victory over Japan, VJ-Day, which occurred on August 15, 1945, will be marked on the weekend of August 19 and 20. In events around the country, thanks will be given for peace and those lost will be remembered. Tribute will be paid to all those who took part in the war — soldiers, Merchant Navy, land girls, the emergency services, the Home Guard, and air raid wardens, among others. Services and parades are being arranged and bells will be rung throughout the land.

In London, an ecumenical service will take place outside Buckingham Palace and the Queen will take the salute after service and home-front veterans, including former prisoners of war, march down The Mall. The Sunday evening will see the Beating the Retreat and sunset ceremonies in Cardiff, Carrickfergus, Edinburgh and London.

At the time of victory in Europe, thousands of Allied service personnel were still in Japanese prison camps, treated like slaves on the most meagre rations, and working on the Thai-Burma railway. Others were still fighting in preparation for an invasion of Japan. Even after hostilities ended, with the dropping of atomic bombs on Hirsoshima and Nagasaki, for soldiers returning home, many suffering from severe malnutrition, the lengthy process of recovery was only just beginning.

Harold Payne, president of the Federation of Far East Prisoners of War, who is to lead veterans along The Mall in the VJ Day commemorations, came home in 1945 weighing just seven stone, half his normal weight after three-and-a-half years in a PoW camp. Lieutenant Payne reckons that it took him ten years to regain his physical and mental health.

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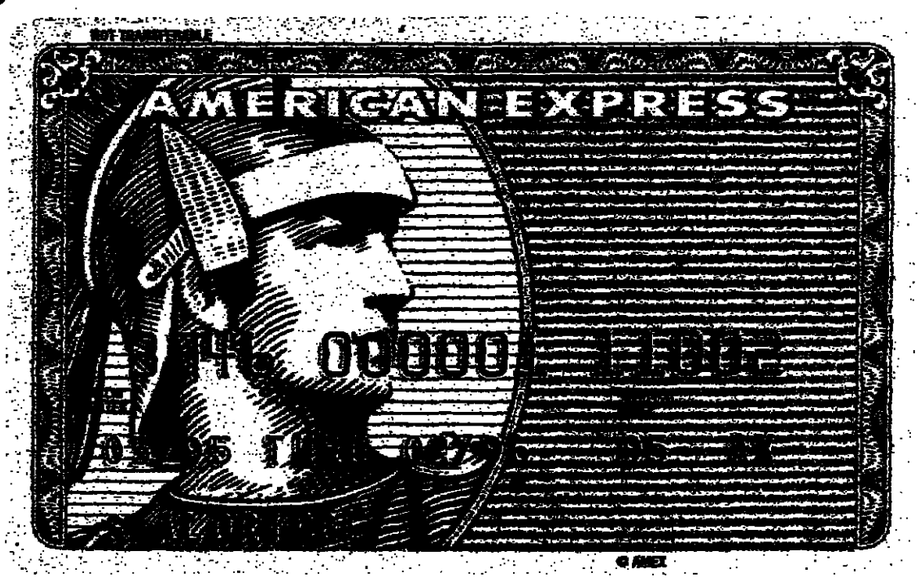

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Tories may relax spending curbs to discredit Labour

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is considering ditching its tough controls on local authority budgets to allow newly elected Labour councils to go on a spending spree next year.

Senior Conservative Party sources say the plan, which follows last week's electoral rout of the Tories, is to facilitate a sharp rise in expenditure by Labour authorities that could be funded only by a large increase in council tax. The idea is that that would give voters a foretaste of what would happen if they opted to elect a Labour government.

Removing the cap on spending would amount to a big policy U-turn but, as a *Times* survey of defeated Tory councillors discovered last week, there is strong feeling at grassroots level that it proved electorally damaging.

The cap was introduced to curb high spending of left-wing councils and thus reduce local taxes. The theory was that householders in Labour areas would vote Tory in gratitude to the Government for keeping their tax bill down. Conservative-controlled councils were expected to keep their spending down by good management and thus retain support.

However in the past few years all but a handful of authorities, whatever their political colour, have been spending right up to their limit and have been forced to make big cuts in staff and services. This year's budget settlement, the toughest yet, is expected to cost 100,000 jobs.

Voters have blamed the Government, not their local authority, for cuts in education and social security budgets. Tory councillors in areas like Shropshire and Oxfordshire voted to support budgets that broke the cap in an effort to show voters that they were fighting for their interests.

They were unable to counter the view that it was the Government and not the local authority that was to blame for the cuts. The election "meltdown" duly came and defeated councillors are universally bitter that government policy made it impossible for them to stand on their local record.

The Labour Party has already announced that it would remove the cap as part of its policy of increasing local democracy if it won the general election. Aware of the danger that this could give free rein to big-spending councils, Tony Blair has said greater powers for the Audit Commission would be needed to ensure that budgets were responsible.

These controls would be short-circuited if the Government decided to remove the cap this year, giving Labour councils the temptation of spending as much as they want in the run-up to the general election.

Unionists threaten to oppose hospital shake-up

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THERE was mounting pressure on Virginia Bottomley last night after the Ulster Unionists indicated that they would side with Labour and rebel Tories to oppose her plans for hospital closures in London.

The tough line taken by the Unionists — a protest against the Government's plans for a constitutional settlement in Northern Ireland — means a knife-edge vote in the Commons tomorrow night over the Health Secretary's plans for a shake-up of health care in the capital. The Government has a paper majority of 11 but, assuming the smaller parties support Labour, it would take only six Tories to revolt for the Government's closure package to collapse.

Mrs Bottomley is expected to offer minor concessions to the Tory rebels, led by Sir John Gorst, MP for Hendon North, but they indicated that they would settle only for a total climbdown.

After the hammering the Government suffered in last week's council elections, defeat over the London hospitals, a policy that has been in the pipeline for 2½ years, would be another blow to John Major's authority.

Sir John said yesterday: "We are faced with having to try to defeat the Government on Wednesday. Mrs Bottomley has been handling this as if she were not a politician but a civil servant or an academic. It is a most impractical way to go about things. To be kind, her handling has been inept. To be brutal, it has been a shambles."

Sir Rhodes Boyson, Hugh Dykes, Jim Marshall, Nicholas Winterton, Peter Brooke and Roger Sims are among the other Tories known to have reservations about the closure plans.

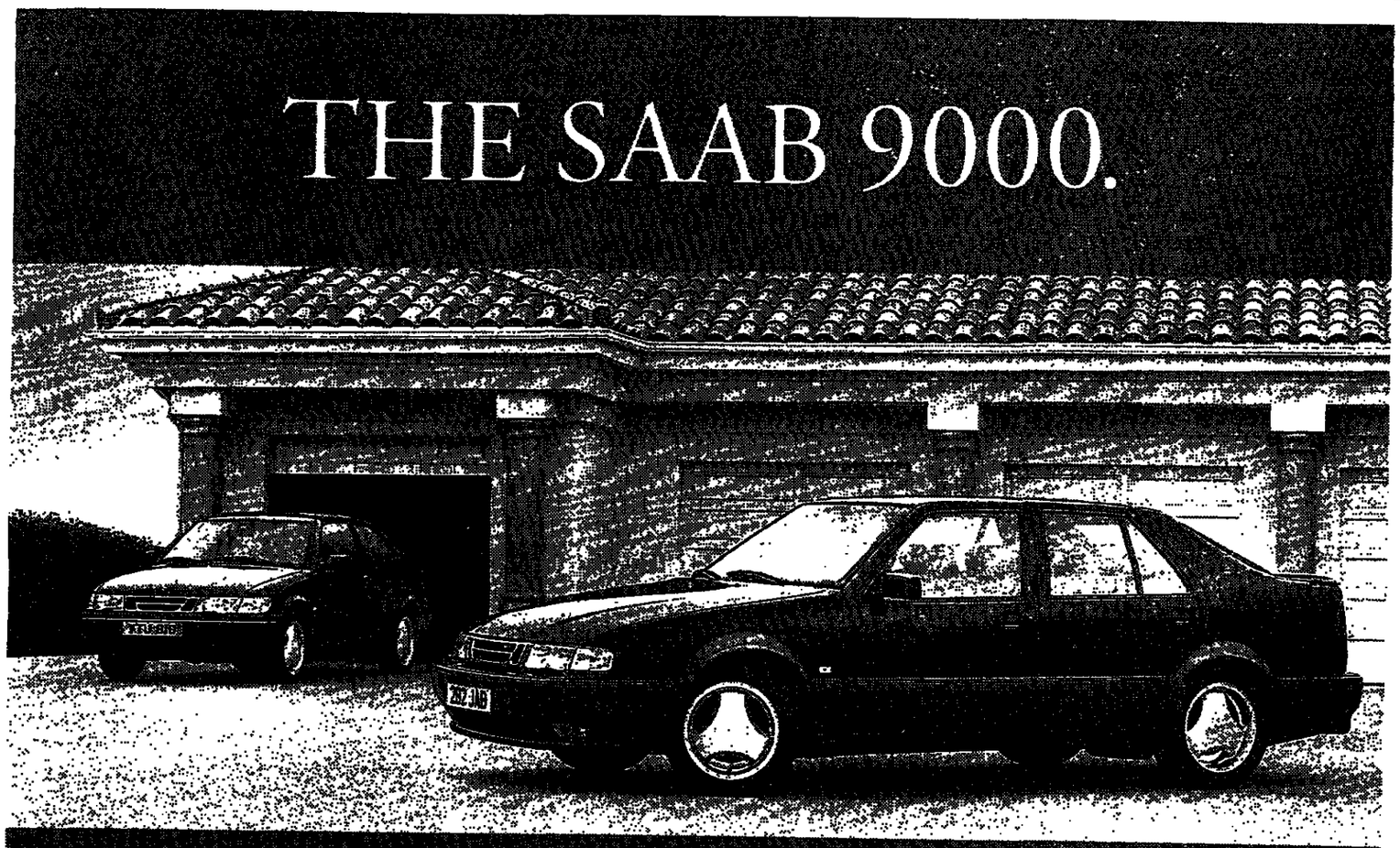
Margaret Beckett, the Shadow Health Secretary, stepped up the pressure by saying that Mrs Bottomley's scheme was "profoundly wrong and damaging" and appealing to Tory MPs to defend the interests of their constituents. The Ulster Unionists are to meet tomorrow to decide how to vote.

But yesterday David Trimble, Ulster Unionist MP for Upper Bann, voiced sympathy with the rebel Tories, saying that the issue had been brought home to him by the announcement that Bambridge Hospital in his constituency was to close. "It is a long way from London to Bambridge but it gives me some sympathy with the people in London."

Unionist sources said that they expected the meeting to come out against the closures given the party's "general disatisfaction" with the Government's framework document on the future of Ulster. However, they conceded that all nine Unionists might not be present for the vote.

CHRIS HARRIS

The proposed closure of several London hospitals has sparked angry demonstrations by nursing staff



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MPs put pressure on Major to woo alienated voters

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

JOHN MAJOR will come under pressure from MPs when they return to Westminster today to return to core Tory values to revive the party's prospects after last week's devastating defeat in the council elections.

Many Tories will also demand a large-scale Cabinet reshuffle. Few MPs accept that poor communication was the sole reason for the loss of more than 2,000 council seats. It is argued that Mr Major's plans for meetings with Tory activists will not be enough.

Many support the call by Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, for an end to policies such as high taxes which have alienated traditional Tory voters. MPs also want greater support for homeowners and stronger law and order, areas that many former Tory voters feel the party has neglected.

Some MPs said the party should reinvent itself as a "new Conservative" party, shedding the disarray of recent years. "We have got to take a lesson from Labour," one said.

Peter Luff, Tory MP for Worcester, said that traditional Tory supporters were disillusioned but not hostile and would respond positively to Mr Major's meetings across the country. "They want to be given a reason to believe in us again." Ray Whitney, MP for Wycombe and another Euro-enthusiast, said Tory divisions, especially over Europe, had been "purely destructive".

One senior backbencher accepted the pessimistic weekend admission by Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, that the Tories could lose power next time. The backbencher said: "I don't think we can win the next election.

"The battle now is to stop us reaching a 'Canadian' situation," he added, referring to the election that reduced Canada's previously ruling Conservatives to two MPs. "We need to concentrate on winning at least 200 seats to form a solid opposition."

One MP said: "What the traditional Tory supporter wants is an economy that seems to be competently run and a Conservative government that doesn't raise taxes; they don't like an incompetent Government and shilly-shallying leadership."

While few MPs call for Mr Major to resign, many want changes in the Cabinet. "They are quite appalling," one said.

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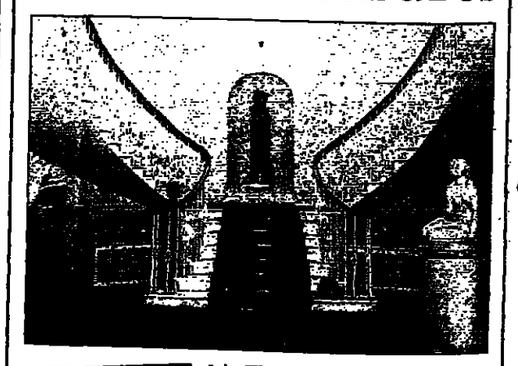

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Prospects bleak for cancer care 'lottery' loser

■ A £215,000 award to a woman whose cancer was missed has added to the case for guidelines on care, Jeremy Laurance writes

SUZANNE JUDGE has become a victim of Britain's "cancer lottery" after her breast cancer went undiagnosed for nine months. She had been referred to a general surgeon instead of a specialist breast cancer unit.

Doctors have said her prospects are bleak and in March the High Court awarded her £215,000 compensation for the loss of an 80 per cent chance of surviving the disease.

Mrs Judge, 38, a mother of two in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, found a lump in her breast in 1989 and went to her GP who referred her to Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon. The consultant, Clive Quick, a general surgeon, could not find the lump and told her not to worry.

Nine months later, when she returned saying the lump had grown and was painful, he removed it and found it was malignant. Tests showed the disease had spread.

Mrs Judge said the blame lay not just with the general surgeon who was not experienced in breast cancer but also with a system that denied her access to a specialist at the outset.

"I can't turn back the clock. I can't get back what I have lost, that loss of chance. No amount of money can compensate for that."

Huntingdon Health Authority denied liability but the High Court held that Mr Quick had been negligent. Sandra Patton, Mrs Judge's solicitor, said an award of compensation for the loss of the chance of survival was unprecedented.

"It shows the wide variation in treatment for breast cancer available to women in different parts of the country," she said. "I do not know what it takes for one person to be referred to a general surgeon and another to be referred to a specialist unit but the corollary of what the judge found is that a competent specialist would have found the lump."

Unease about the variable quality of cancer care has been growing for some years but doctors who spoke out have been accused of threatening clinical independence.

One leading breast surgeon said: "The idea of fitting in with guidelines does not appeal to the surgical psyche." But these reservations have disappeared and a flurry of reports proposing new minimum standards that over-ride clinical independence have emerged from the royal medical colleges.

New standards specify properly trained specialists, prompt appointments, maximum waiting times and the right to information about treatment options. The Government is taking them up.

In the past 40 years the death rate from breast cancer has risen by more than a third in women aged over 45 but the drug Tamoxifen is improving survival in post-menopausal women.

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Suzanne Judge with her husband Steve: doctors say her prospects of beating the cancer are bleak

Travellers invade stones in peaceful protest

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

MORE THAN 200 travellers invaded Stonehenge yesterday in a VE-Day protest over access to common land. They climbed on to the stones, hung out banners and held a party in the ring.

English Heritage, despite describing the Freedom Network's actions as trespass, stopped short of forcibly removing them. The leader of Salisbury council criticised English Heritage for being "wishy washy".

An English Heritage spokesman said: "We did not allow them on but it is VE-Day and they assured us that they would leave one hour after sunset and clear up before they went."

The Freedom Network promised that the demonstration would be peaceful. Shane Collins, a spokesman, said: "People fought for six years for common rights and these are being eroded. This is our way of bringing to the public's attention our loss of common rights."

A Wiltshire Police spokesman said the group had been celebrating VE-Day with a picnic and the party had been peaceful. "There was no violence, although the group were climbing on the stones and sitting inside the circle."

John Heywood, leader-elect of Salisbury District Council, said: "The Wiltshire taxpayers have spent millions of pounds protecting the stones from this sort of invasion. These people ... are standing on the stones and dancing on them."

Mr Heywood criticised English Heritage for allowing the invasion. "They are totally wishy washy on these occasions. Where were the security guards?"

English Heritage said it had reduced admission charges for the public from £3 to £1.50 because of the invasion. But Robert Key, Salisbury's Conservative MP, said genuine visitors should have been charged only 10p as "the travellers got in for nothing".

GARY TROTTER

A protester is silhouetted in the sun at the start of the day-long demonstration for "common rights" centred on the stones of Stonehenge

Sinn Fein blamed for attack on cars

BY A STAFF REPORTER

SECURITY in a Protestant enclave in the heart of republican West Belfast was stepped up last night after more than a dozen cars were vandalised. The incident, on the Suffolk estate, was seen as a reprisal for the residents' demand that a Sinn Fein march commemorating the Maze Prison hunger strike be rerouted away from their homes.

Hours after police blocked the entrances to the estate to the march and forced it to reroute, four men arrived and smashed all the windows in 14 cars. Residents said it was a blatantly sectarian attack to express Sinn Fein's annoyance at not being granted admission to their area, in the same way Sinn Fein has banned a Catholic area in South Belfast to recent loyalist parades.

Chief Superintendent Ian Williamson said security would be increased and called on community leaders to watch their words to help to maintain the fragile peace enjoyed by Northern Ireland for the past eight months. He said it was understandable that people in the Suffolk area were linking the attacks on their vehicles to the rerouting of the march.

"The actions of some Sinn Fein supporters and the words of some of their senior spokespersons in using terms such as 'long hot summer, marching feet and angry voices' are not conducive to a peaceful environment," he said.

"I think a very heavy responsibility rests on community representatives at this particular time."

New rules fail to stop abuse of staff

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

OVERSEAS domestic servants working in Britain suffer physical and verbal abuse from their employers in spite of spite of new government rules aimed at ending degrading treatment.

Almost two hundred overseas domestic workers fled from their employers in the twelve months to April after suffering abuse including physical abuse, non-payment of wages and sexual harrassment ranging from indecent exposure to attempted and actual rape.

A survey of the 182 workers who "escaped" from their employers last year showed that only 70 were paid regularly. The average wage was £90 a month. One woman had been paid nothing in spite of working with the same employers for eight years.

The study, carried out by Kalayaan, a voluntary organisation campaigning on behalf of overseas domestic workers, says that some of the servants had suffered physical abuse, including being slapped in the face, punched and kicked, having their hair pulled and being spat upon.

CORRECTIONS

☐ The 25 customers who settled their dispute with Jaguar over purchases of the XJ220 car (report, May 4) did not additionally forfeit their initial deposits of £50,000.

☐ Hereford City Council continues to be under Liberal Democrat control after last week's council elections (map, May 6).

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Council gives panic alarms to witnesses of crime on estates

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

COUNCIL tenants who witness crime on their estates are to be given panic alarms linked to local police stations in an effort to persuade them to give evidence in court.

They will also be offered help from a specially appointed council officer in a drive to end the "culture of fear" on estates in Salford, Greater Manchester. The council hopes to change the culture among some tenants who believe that reporting crime and hooliganism is "grassing", rather than acting as a responsible citizen.

As part of a £500,000 initiative, Salford City Council has also attempted to shame problem tenants. It recently published pictures of six families evicted from some of the council's 34,000 properties.

The panic alarm scheme is the latest in a number of initiatives by local authorities to curb the activities of a small minority of council tenants who make life unbearable for other residents. Witnesses would be provided with the alarms, which they could carry with them, to alert the police if they were afraid or threatened.

The Labour-controlled authority acted after victims of crime refused to give evidence, despite knowing the identity of those responsible, for fear of reprisals. A council spokesman said: "Petty villains often spread rumours to create a culture of fear deliberately to intimidate communities. They tell residents their phone calls to the police can be intercepted and this is a wicked lie."

He said the authority's scheme was intended to help people who had witnessed less serious crime such as breaking into cars and smashing windows.

A witness liaison officer will offer support and legal advice to potential witnesses. Those who are still frightened will be offered transfers to other estates in the city.

Under the scheme, funded by the Safer Cities project, the local council has provided a secure room at the city's magistrates' court to try to stop vulnerable witnesses being intimidated by alleged offenders, their families and friends.

The spokesman added that most people needed reassurance that they would be protected if they gave evidence against unruly neighbours. "The vast majority of tenants are decent and law abiding but we have a minority who can make life a misery for everyone else."

☐ Private security patrols on five local authority estates in north London are to be ended after a report found that in only one area had things improved since the guards started work. Islington council has decided to end the 12-month scheme after complaints by the local police at the ineffectiveness of the guards and their failure to report incidents and assist officers. The report says that on one occasion guards were found fighting among themselves.

Alan Clinton, Labour leader of the council, said: "It worked only in the short term but it does not provide a long-term solution. It is much better to work with the police on an overall strategy for the borough."

Climbers saved after 56 hours on mountain

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

MOUNTAIN rescuers who battled for two days to save two climbers stranded on one of Scotland's most hazardous mountain ranges were celebrating last night after the two men were winched to safety.

The climbers, who spent two nights trapped in freezing conditions in the Cuillin Hills on Skye, were taken to Broadford Hospital, Portree, suffering from hypothermia and mild frostbite. One of them, Thomas Taylor, 21, from Inverness, was unconscious and believed to be seriously ill.

The rescue took place on the day that an all-party committee of MPs met in Aviemore to discuss the rising costs of mountain rescue. This year 25 climbers have died on Scotland's hills and dozens more have been rescued.

Mr Taylor and Ian Meek, 30, from Cleveland, were

climbing Sgurr Mhic Choinnich, 3,107ft, in the Cuillin Hills. The pair, both of the Inverness Mountaineering Club, had set out on Saturday morning but became stuck when their abseiling ropes snagged as they descended "Rotten Gulley" known for its unstable rockfaces and easily dislodged large boulders.

They were not reported missing until Sunday afternoon. The rescuers said the men's survival for 56 hours on the hill was due to their experience and quick thinking.

Low cloud and strong winds initially prevented a rescue helicopter from reaching the two climbers. The 31 members of the RAF Kinloss and Skye Mountain Rescue Teams spent Sunday night on the mountain able to shout to, but unable to reach, the stranded climbers.

The rescuers became concerned when one of the climbers failed to answer their calls yesterday afternoon and there were fears he was losing consciousness. A break in the weather meant the two men could be winched off the mountain by helicopter.

Colin Simpson, a member of the Inverness Mountaineering Club who travelled to the Cuillins with the party for the weekend trip, said yesterday: "It seems the pair did everything right and that may have saved their lives. Experience counts in these situations and the fact they are safe speaks volumes for their actions in a dangerous situation."

The meeting of MPs, including Dennis Canavan, Labour MP for Falkirk West, and Sir Russell Johnston, of the Liberal Democrats, were due to fly over the Cairngorms by helicopter but the trip was cancelled when the helicopter was diverted to the Skye rescue.

The MPs, who heard that the cost of yesterday's rescue was estimated at around £20,000, said after their meeting that they were not in favour of compulsory insurance for climbers to meet the cost of rescues.

Andrew Anderson, director of Glenmore Lodge in Aviemore which was hosting yesterday's meeting, said mountaineering was enjoying a huge resurgence of interest and that the deaths represented only 0.1 per cent of those who took part in the sport.

"This is not just a Scottish problem, although the deaths here obviously impact on the Scottish mountain rescue services," he said. "The majority of accidents, around 50 per cent to 60 per cent, involve people from south of the border so it is important that initiatives taken to educate people are on a national level."

☐ A diver pulled from the sea off the Dorset coast yesterday morning died at Weymouth and District Hospital. The unnamed woman was among a group of 14 who were diving on the wreck of the M2 experimental submarine that sank off Southbourne, Dorset, in the 1920s. The crew of the boat carrying the divers alerted coastguards after the woman became trapped in an eddy, 50ft down near the wreck.

A 1732 engraving of Wigmore Castle, which had been made indefensible in the previous century, shows vegetation taking over the walls

PETER TREVINOR

English Heritage steps in to save crumbling castle

BY MARCUS BINNEY

ONE OF the largest castles in the Welsh marches is to be taken over by English Heritage to save it from collapse. Wigmore Castle, a picturesque, ivy-clad ruin, was once one of Herefordshire's most important strongholds, built on the typical motte-and-bailey plan shown in every children's history book.

Jocelyn Stevens, English Heritage chairman, said yesterday: "We have now received formal permission from Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, to take the ruins into guardianship. This is the most important kind of work English Heritage can do." The organisation expects to spend up to £500,000 on the castle in the next few years.

Wigmore Castle was built in 1067 by William Fitz Osbern, who also constructed nearby Chepstow Castle. Fitz Osbern was described by a medieval chronicler as "the first and greatest oppressor

Gaunt: present owner

of the English people" and was left in charge of the country when William the Conqueror returned to Normandy in 1067.

By the time of the Domesday Book it was already a property of the Mortimers, among the greatest of the Marcher lords, with whom it remained for four centuries.

The present, once-palatial castle was built by Roger de Mortimer, who ruled England as lover of Edward II's Queen Isabella and was later hanged and drawn for Edward's murder. By the 1530s, the castle was in decay and after being occupied by Royalists in the Civil War was dismantled by Cromwell to make it indefensible.

The present owner, John Gaunt, said: "The castle ruins are rich in rare ferns and wallflowers which have established themselves thanks to a canopy of natural woodland. But in recent years Dutch elm disease has depleted the trees and left the ruins more exposed."

John Thompson, an ecologist advising English Heritage, said: "Providing repointing is not too extensive, the monument should continue to support a wide range of plant life."

Richard Haslam, a leading expert on the architecture of Wales and the Borders, said: "Half the castles in Britain are in this area. The people were as belligerent as the Italians, running up castles on every hilltop."

Jim Tonkin, a local expert, examines the castle walls

Girl assaulted after man abducts friends

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who lured two young girls into his car at a beauty spot and assaulted one of them was being hunted by police yesterday. The man dumped the two friends eight miles from where he abducted them.

The girls were flying a kite on the Westbury White Horse in Wiltshire when the man approached them. He chatted to them and bought them ice creams, then offered to drive them home. Instead, he took them to Pear Tree Hill, outside Great Cheverell on the edge of Salisbury Plain, where he indecently assaulted one of them before driving off. The youngsters were found by a family out walking and riding on the hill, and their families and the police were called.

Detective Inspector Paul Howlett of Trowbridge police, said: "Neither of the girls was physically injured although they were obviously very upset.

"We are treating this very seriously and we are asking for anyone who might have seen the two girls to come forward. It is a very popular beauty spot. Both of the girls have blonde hair, one of them very blonde collar-length hair and the other one with hair down to the middle of her back, and they were flying a bright purple kite, so hopefully someone will have noticed them and will have seen them talking to this man." The incident happened on Sunday afternoon.

Mr Howlett added: "The vehicle we are looking for is a red, square-shaped hatchback, possibly a Nissan."

After a separate incident on Sunday, Surrey Police are hunting a couple who tried to snatch a seven-year-old girl as she walked home from fishing. She escaped by climbing out through the window of the couple's car as it slowed down. She had been fishing with her brother, aged 12, at a river lock at Sutton Green. They had a disagreement and he stormed off. The girl then spotted a man climbing over the gate of a nursery, loading plants into his car.

He shouted "come here" in what she later described as an evil voice. She took a step back but he grabbed her by the wrist, snatched her fishing tackle and bundled her into the back seat. He then climbed into the front passenger seat beside the woman driver and they sped off.

The girl later told police that she started to cry and was told to shut up. She then wound down the window and threw out her fishing tackle before leaping out as the car slowed down to take a corner. The man leant out of his window and threatened her before the G-registered, maroon Rover drove off.

The man is described as aged 30-35, 5ft 10in tall, fat, clean shaven with a big nose and a faint scar on his cheek. He wore black shoes with orange and black laces. The woman is thought to be aged between 30 and 45. She had grey hair, clipped back, and may have had a cut on her neck.

Inspectors threaten to close school

A school has been given 40 days to improve its standards or ultimately face closure after a damning inspector's report.

An Ofsted inspection of Handsworth Wood Boys' School in Birmingham found poor management, pupil behaviour and standards of education.

The report was also concerned that of the 442 pupils, 113 — mostly from ethnic communities — had been excluded from the school in the past 12 months.

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Airgun arrests

Two boys aged 13 and 14 are to appear in court after a police driver was shot in the neck with an airgun in Kilburn, north London. PC David Cook, 32, was "comfortable" in hospital after an operation to remove a pellet.

Custody death

The Police Complaints Authority is conducting an inquiry into the death of a 33-year-old man arrested in Clapham, south London, last Wednesday. He died after being transferred to hospital suffering from alcohol or drugs.

Victim named

The woman whose body was found in woods on the Gower peninsula on Sunday has been identified as Joanna Tregembo, 20, from Gorseinon, West Glamorgan. Four men and a woman are being questioned by police.

Police crash

A policewoman is critically ill after her patrol car crashed into a wall during a 70mph chase in Cudworth, South Yorkshire. WPC Sandra Edwards suffered serious head injuries. PC Ian Dodd, a passenger, broke his shoulder.

Student hanged

A philosophy student at Durham University killed himself after falling out with his girlfriend, Jess Pierce, 21, of Lindfield, West Sussex. [illegible] hanging in a bathroom at a shared student [illegible]

Swastika anger

Firemen were called to take down a swastika flag flying from a public house roof in Cinderford, Gloucestershire, after complaints swamped the local police switchboard. John Idcliff, the landlord, said the flag was a "sick joke".

Family rescued

A couple and their three daughters, spotted in the water by a woman dining at an hotel, were rescued by an inshore lifeboat after their dinghy overturned in a sudden squall in the River Forth, near Rosyth, Fife.

Lizards return

Sand lizards bred in captivity are to be released in secret locations along the North Wales coast. Conservationists hope that the native reptiles will repopulate heathland and dunes after an absence of nearly half a century.

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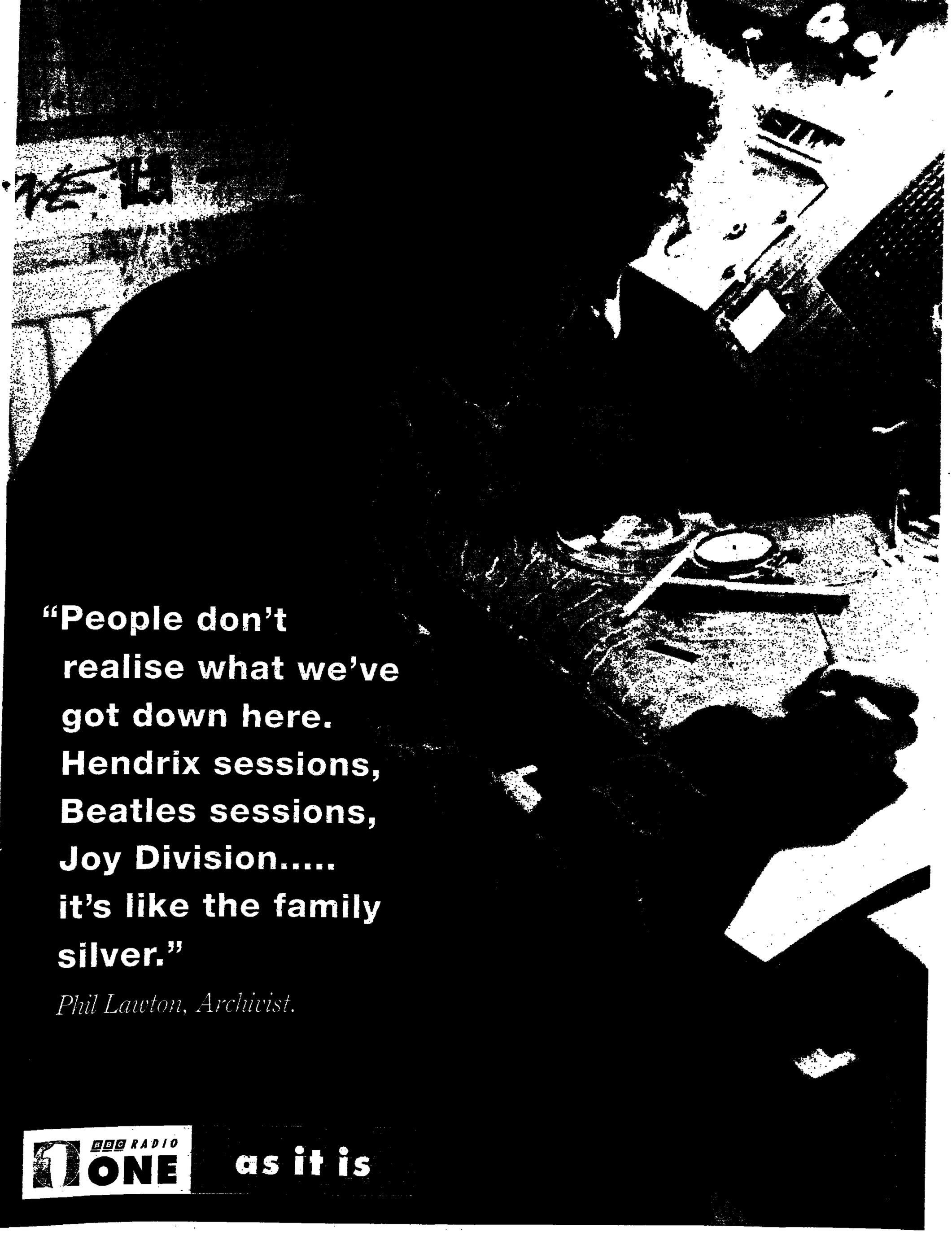
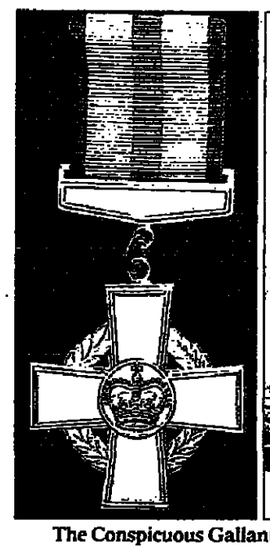


Patrol leader who risked his life and UN commander in Bosnia are honoured in military awards

Soldier who saved platoon is first to win new medal

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT



The Conspicuous Gallantry Cross has been awarded to Corporal Wayne Mills, who acted as a one-man rearguard against advancing Serbs

THE first award of the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, which is second only to the Victoria Cross for courageous acts by members of the armed forces, has been given to a corporal who saved the lives of his patrol after they were ambushed by Serbs near the Muslim enclave of Gorazde in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Corporal Wayne Mills, 31, of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, was section commander of a foot patrol that came under heavy Serb small-arms fire last year. The patrol had to withdraw and Corporal Mills risked his life delaying the Serbs with covering fire.

The Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, which can be awarded to all ranks, was announced by the Government in October 1993. Corporal Mills's medal is among more than 160 awards for gallant and distinguished service published today in the *London Gazette*.

They also include the Distinguished Service Order for Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose "for his inspirational leadership and personal courage" as commander of the United Nations force in Bosnia.

A DSO is awarded to Lieutenant-Colonel David Santa-Olalla who was Corporal Mills's commanding officer in Bosnia. He arranged for the withdrawal of Serb and Muslim forces from fighting in Gorazde just before crucial talks in Geneva on the future of the Muslim enclave. His citation reads: "He was always first on the scene of an incident to intervene and personally influence the situation regardless of the danger."

The conditions for awarding the DSO were changed in 1993. It is now given to those who have shown exceptional leadership, organisational powers and practical example, together with personal bravery during operations.

Corporal Mills's courage was acknowledged for an incident on April 29 last year. The Serbs had just halted their offensive on Gorazde after Nato airstrikes. However, there was still frequent fighting between Serbs and Muslims and there was hostility towards the UN forces in the area, most of whom were British.

Corporal Mills who lives with his wife, Tracy, in Sheffield, was with his patrol near the village of Vranpotok, southeast of Gorazde, when they were fired on by advancing Serbs from less than 100 yards. He and his men took cover and returned fire. Two Serbs were killed, one by Corporal Mills.

As the British withdrew, they also came under fire from the right flank and Serb soldiers began pursuing the patrol in large numbers through woods. Acting as a rearguard, he protected his troops. The citation says: "His deliberate and accurate fire delayed the Serbs but the speed of their advance meant that he was in real danger of being cut off from his colleagues."

After about 600 yards, the patrol came into a large clearing and Corporal Mills, realising that the Serbs would catch them in open ground, ordered his men to take up positions across the area. He then set up a "one-man snap ambush and waited for the Serbs". As they came through the trees firing, Corporal Mills killed the leading Serb with a burst of automatic fire and the rest fled.

Corporal Mills said he was proud of his award: "As a corporal you sometimes get called upon to take difficult decisions in dangerous situations. That's where your training comes in."

Eight army officers who were among 25 counter-terrorist experts killed in the RAF Chinook helicopter crash at the Mull of Kintyre last June are posthumously awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service.

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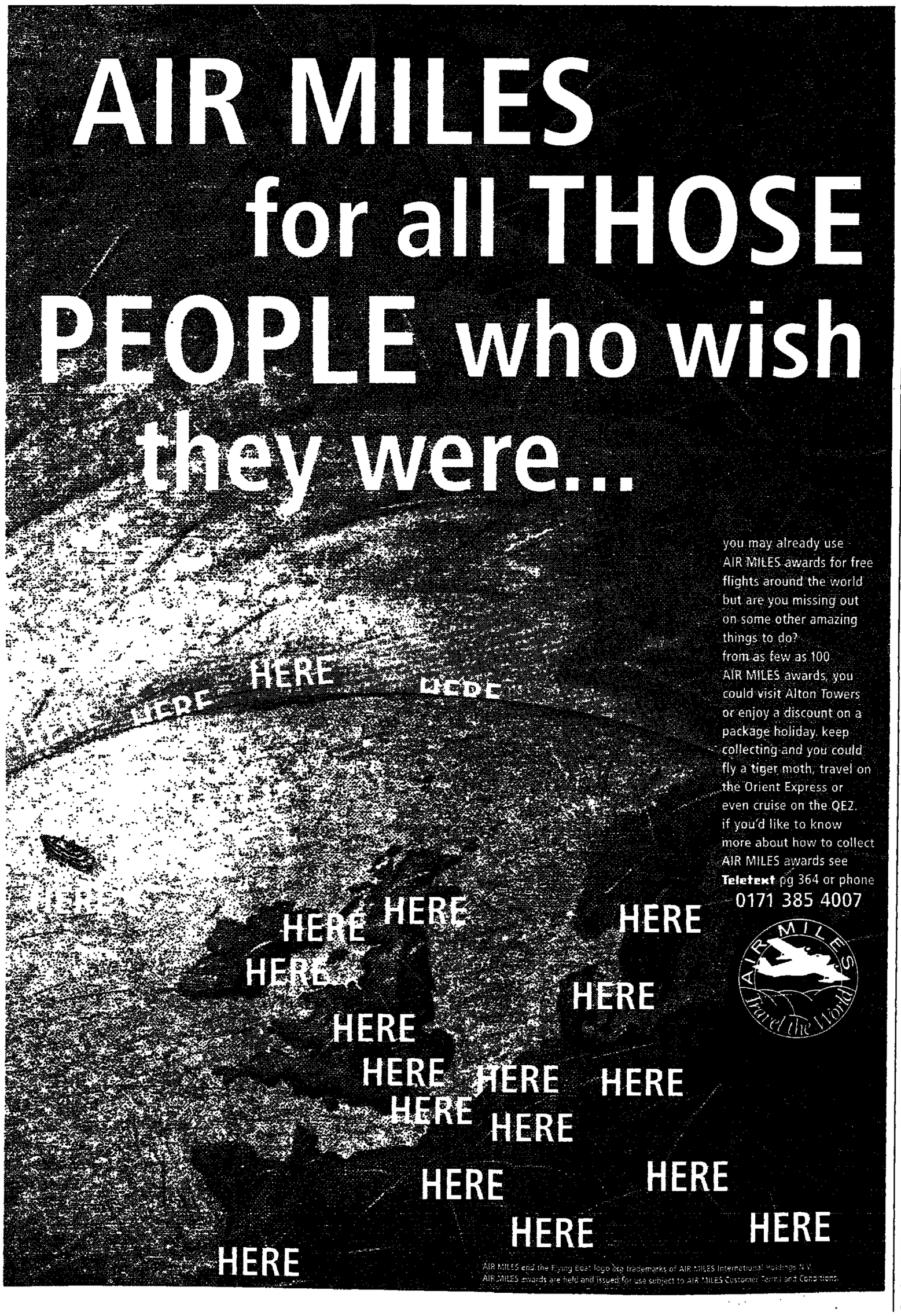

Owners and pets prepare to flee gas bomb threat

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

RESIDENTS have been told to prepare themselves and their pets for evacuation from a village close to a former army depot where soldiers are to search for buried First World War shells and bombs containing phosgene and mustard gas.

Hundreds of unexploded shells and bombs are believed to be scattered around the army camp at Bramley in Hampshire, a former central ammunition depot. Members of 33 Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers are preparing to clear the area in an operation code-named Cornelius.

People living within 550 yards of the training camp have been asked to fill in a questionnaire, giving details of the number of residents and pets that will have to be evacuated in the event of an emergency. The questionnaire leaves only one line for a response to the question: "What pets will you be taking with you?"

John Hucker, 38, and Yvonne Rigby, 36, who live in a 16th-century farmhouse behind the camp, have two rabbits, five guinea pigs, three ducks and five moorhens to consider. "We'll have to leave the birds in the pond for the soldiers to feed but we'll bring the rest of our pets in the car with a change of clothes," Mr Hucker said.

Peter Brace, 17, will be keeping his guitar by the door ready for a quick getaway. "I'll have to have something to stop me getting bored if I'm away from home," he said.

Peter's mother, Sandra, is hoping the family's 13-year-old cat Stripey is indoors when the alarm sounds. "Unless Stripey is around there's no way I can find her," Mrs Brace said.

According to village folklore, an officer with too many First World War weapons on his hands decided to bury them throughout the camp. Nobody knows if he made a map of the dumps but if he did, it has long been lost.

Villagers recall an earlier evacuation in 1987 when workmen installing a water-pipe unearthed the chemical remains, forcing the closure of the A33. Although 440 shells were found, the Army knew there were many others.

An army spokesman said there were no records of where the chemical munitions were dumped. "We want to make more use of the Bramley training area, so we've got to check to see where the remaining chemical weapons are," he said.

Residents were first warned some weeks ago that a second attempt was to be made to clear the area. All residents living close to the camp have been invited to an open day on May 19 so that the Army can explain what is planned in the operation.

Hucker: menagerie will be loaded into car

Race to privatise nuclear industry

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE Government will announce plans to privatise the nuclear industry this week, hoping to complete the sale before the next general election.

The industry must be sold off before November next year if there is to be a chance of using the hoped-for £3.5 billion proceeds to fund pre-election tax cuts.

The Government has decided to merge Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear so that the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate can complete the relicensing arrangements this year. The inspectorate believes it can finish its work in 14 months.

However, the Consortium of Opposing Local Authorities (Cola) said yesterday that the Government was wildly optimistic in hoping to raise £3.5 billion. "At best it will have to accept a dramatically reduced sale price, at worst it will have to abandon the attempted sale altogether," the consortium of 25 councils said.

The Government had to withdraw its original plans to privatise nuclear power with the rest of the electricity industry in the late 1980s. Investors were not prepared to buy shares in a company that would face the huge costs of decommissioning ageing Magnox power stations. The Magnox stations are now excluded from the privatisation plans and Cola says that will leave the Government with a bill of up to £8 billion to make them safe. That state subsidy would swallow up sell-off profits and risk a legal battle with the European Commission.

Environmental groups intend asking the European Commission to investigate whether the sale can be reconciled with EU rules on state aid and competition policy. The legal arguments could drag on beyond an election, jeopardising any sale offer.

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Chastened Germany vows deeper commitment to Europe

Leaders are booed after VE parade in Paris

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS, ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN AND RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THOUSANDS of Parisians, outraged at being kept away from a VE-Day parade, jeered and booed as startled world leaders on the Champs-Elysées were driven away from a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe to an official lunch yesterday.

Bystanders shouted "*Salauds*" ("Bastards") amid whistles and hooting when the foreign dignitaries, including close to 50 heads of state, sped down the avenue after a modest military parade restricted to the immediate area around monument.

It was an uncomfortable continuation of victory celebrations which began in London on Sunday, and which took world leaders to Paris yesterday and on to Berlin last night before concluding in Moscow today.

About 5,000 policemen kept the public 500 yards away from the ceremonies for security reasons and, according to some, for fear of right-wing demonstrations against the outgoing President, François Mitterrand. The move came as a nasty surprise for the crowds which had packed both sides of the avenue for more than a mile expecting the parade would head their way after circling the Arc de Triomphe.

Although the parade was broadcast on giant television screens, the crowds reacted angrily when they realised they had waited in vain. It was the hapless passing foreign dignitaries who suffered the consequences.

In a poignant symbol of the democracy restored by victory over the Nazis, President Mitterrand marked the French stage of the celebrations sitting beside the man elected on Sunday to succeed him, Jacques Chirac. As they watched a ceremony of typical Gallic splendour in central Paris, the two men were joined by the heads of state, prime ministers, foreign ministers and ambassadors of 79 other nations, including the Duke of Edinburgh and John Major.

Pale and clearly suffering from the cancer against which he has fought for three years, President Mitterrand nevertheless carried out what is probably his last official function in France. After completing a lengthy review of the country's Republican Guard, he led his guests to watch him light the flame of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe.

As they stood for a minute's silence, the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, could be seen just behind the French President, his prominent presence underlining France's desire for reconciliation with the country that is now perceived as its firmest ally. Alongside the flag of the Second World War victors were those of the vanquished nations, the symbolism only tempered by a surprising error of protocol — the Russian flag was upside down. After last year's lavish and emotional celebrations to mark the anniversary of the D-Day landings and of the subsequent liberation of Paris, the French have displayed a limited interest in VE-Day. This year's events have failed to capture the public's imagination or to prompt much media coverage. Inevitably, they have been overshadowed by the presidential election.

Guards march past the presidential delegation as wreaths were laid on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow yesterday at the start of two days of events to mark Russia's role in the Allied victory

☐ **Berlin:** Sharp differences between East and West over the future shape of Europe emerged as leaders marked the end of the war in a Berlin ceremony of music and speeches.

The meeting, held in a neo-classical theatre a few hundred yards from the site of Hitler's bunker, was also the scene of an emotional leave-taking from President Mitterrand who made his last speech in western Europe, a passionate, largely unscripted appeal for the European idea. Mr Major, meanwhile, stressed that the European future had to be based on the principle of individual responsibility. "Freedom of choice, equality before the law, open minds and an open and just society — these are the heart of our European traditions."

President Herzog, rather than Chancellor Kohl spoke for Germany and fended off criticism that the Government had been insensitive to Holocaust victims when it underlined the fate of Germans at the hands of the Russians and Allied bombers. The fact that Germans died, stressed the President, was a direct consequence of Germany having started the war. "Germany unleashed the most terrible war that the world had ever seen and it experienced the most terrible of defeats."

The German head of state stressed that Germany's collective sense of shame should be best expressed in a deeper commitment to Europe, which had become an island of democratic values. "The island must become larger," he said in a clear reference to enlarging the European Union eastwards. "It is for us to fight and work for this goal. Nobody need feel threatened by this."

Vladimir Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, made quite plain that his country did feel threatened by an eastward shift. "I am convinced that nobody needs new barriers, under whatever pretext and wherever they are erected." Diplomats said this was a reference to Nato's wish to include Poland, Hungary, the Czech and Slovak republics in its ranks — one of the key demands to be put forward by President Clinton when he visits Moscow today.

☐ **Moscow:** Half a century after he saved the Soviet Union from Nazi conquest and changed the course of the Second World War, one of Russia's greatest military commanders yesterday finally received his rightful place in history.

Marshal Georgi Zhukov, who commanded nearly every decisive battle of the Red Army's war against Hitler, was honoured belatedly by President Yeltsin, who unveiled a 40-ft bronze statue of the soldier in the heart of Moscow. "Russia owes a debt to my father and now this debt is being repaid," said Margarita Zhukova, the marshal's daughter, who along with the Russian and foreign dignitaries, laid carnations at the foot of the statue.

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A Russian woman weeps for the fallen at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Russia lost more than 20 million soldiers and civilians in the Second World War

Bruised Yeltsin treads well-worn Brezhnev route

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

WHEN President Clinton meets President Yeltsin in Moscow today, he could be forgiven for thinking he has stepped back 15 years into Soviet history. An increasing number of Russians are comparing their President to the late Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev, as much for his personal appearance — not that he does appear much any more — as for his political style.

The setting for the summit will also be Brezhnevite. The huge, disproportionate ugly monuments erected to celebrate the 50th anniversary of victory are virtually identical to those set up in Brezhnev's time as the Soviet regime tried to cover its own increasing nakedness with the glories of the Great Patriotic War.

Mr Yeltsin himself certainly bears a closer resemblance to Brezhnev than he does to his own frank, energetic, populist self of ten or five years ago. Increasingly, he lives hidden behind the walls of the Kremlin and a variety of official villas. In his public appearances, he has a tendency to alarm his staff by swinging between woodenness and excessive expansiveness. He is surrounded by an increasingly small band of personal advisers, including General Georgi Rogozin, the deputy security chief whom the newspaper *Moscow News* has dubbed "Merlin" and "a modern-day Rasputin". The paper accuses the general of spying on the rest of the presidential administration, preparing horoscopes for Mr Yeltsin and other leaders, and practising black magic. Also in the news recently has been Djuna, the President's "psychic masseuse", who also served Brezhnev.

But apart from what still appears to be a lingering commitment to legality and democracy on the part of Mr Yeltsin, there are also immense differences between his position and that of Mr Brezhnev. The Soviet leader was not committed to holding free elections, nor did he have to put up with the often savage attacks of independent newspapers and television stations.

Parliamentary elections are due this December, and presidential polls six months later. The signs are that the Yeltsin administration will allow the parliamentary elections to go ahead on schedule and, on the basis of the results, will decide whether to hold the presidential ones.

With his own popularity at barely 6 per cent, Mr Yeltsin's own re-election ought to be an impossibility. As one Western diplomat said: "How could Yeltsin possibly campaign publicly for the presidency when he so rarely even appears in public any more?" The gut feelings of the Russian voters may not be the key factor in these elections. More important may be the question of whether Mr Yeltsin and the Russian Government can rally the support of enough of the nation's regional administrative and managerial élite, the so-called "parties of power".

If the parliamentary elections do result in heavy defeat for the Government, then the gloomy consensus is that Mr Yeltsin will postpone the presidential elections. Given public apathy, few think that mass protests are on the cards, so that Mr Yeltsin would not have to take the risky step of calling on the unreliable security forces.

However, like Mr Brezhnev, Mr Yeltsin does not look in the best of physical shape, and a transition to an appointed successor might not be an easy one.

Moscow: On the eve of the Western leaders' visit to mark victory in the Second World War, President Yeltsin yesterday warned the West not to expand Nato into Eastern Europe (Anatol Lieven writes). In the 20th century, he said, "sticking to blocs led to wars or pushed us to the brink of a nuclear abyss".

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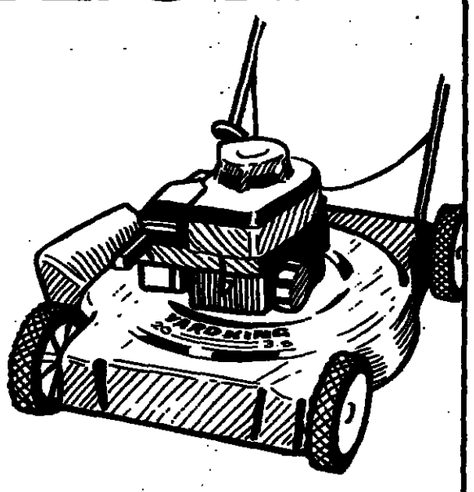

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Gaullist aims to restore economic health after Mitterrand brand of Euro federalism

Chirac's challenge is to dispel mood of national failure

***Anatole Kaletsky** says that France, like a shackled athlete, cannot regain its dynamism while keeping its policy of a strong franc*

Fourteen years ago, when François Mitterrand was first elected President. France had probably the most dynamic economy in Europe and was, by most objective criteria, the second most successful country in the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations after Japan.

Today, as President Mitterrand hobbles off into the twilight of history, ending the most inglorious era in his country's history since Vichy, France is the sick man of Europe. Its economy excels only in the creation of unemployment and illegal protectionist barriers. The only economic activity in which France still seems to lead the world is whingeing about the threat to European civilisation from more competitive and technologically advanced economies in the United States and the Far East.

Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist President-elect, could justifiably blame the catastrophic decline in his country's economic condition on the blunders of M Mitterrand and his deluded brand of European federalism. However, the curious feature of his campaign, which was all too obvious to the electorate and largely explained his surprisingly narrow victory margin, is that for all his ritual denunciations of socialism, M Chirac has studiously avoided attacking the pivotal economic policy of the Mitterrand era: the over-riding commitment to a strong franc or *franc fort*, irrevocably linked to the mark.

The Mitterrand era's obsession with maintaining the franc-mark link, regardless of costs, has been the main cause of France's 12 per cent unemployment, as well as the country's growing xenophobia and the despair about economic prospects felt by French workers and the political elite. To ask how France could recover its former economic dynamism while maintaining the franc fort is rather like asking a champion athlete who has a ball and chain attached to his foot how he plans to beat his records.

As long as M Chirac sticks to his pre-election promises on monetary and exchange-rate policy, he can have no serious hope of dramatically cutting unemployment or shaking the country out of its mood of national failure. Yet M Chirac's commitments on economic policy have to be taken seriously. This is because the Mitterrand franc fort policy has been pursued with even more single-minded vigour in the past two years by the conservative Government of

> "It is the end of the most inglorious era in French history since Vichy"

Edouard Balladur, an administration that included most of the people who will make up the entourage of President Chirac. If M Chirac were not genuinely intent on sticking to the deflationary and German-dominated economic policies of the Mitterrand era, it would be hard to see why he was so reluctant to spell out a more expansionary and more nationalist alternative, which would have been more popular on the hustings.

The chances are, therefore, that President Chirac will start off by trying to defend the franc, even if that means abandoning or "postponing", his promises to expand the economy and create new jobs.

Like all its predecessors, however, the new French Government is likely to be badly bruised in its battle with the markets. The markets are bound to test the Chirac Government's foreign exchange policy within the next few months, just as they did the Major Government's in September 1992 and the Balladur Government's in July 1993. M Chirac's good fortune may be that the next battle the markets win against the European governments marks the end of the war.

The next battle is likely to prove decisive for at least three reasons. First, a Gaullist President is bound to restore some prestige to French nationalism and call into question the country's subjugation to German economic policy. Second, the new Government's strategy is bound to highlight an unavoidable contradiction between the high interest rates required to maintain the franc fort and the cuts in the budget deficit demanded by the Maastricht treaty. M Chirac can keep the franc-mark link or he can cut deficits.

Lastly — and perhaps most importantly — there is a growing recognition in financial markets and the French business community of how much damage the franc-mark link has done. The political establishment may still bow obediently before the franc fort totem and the public may be kept in the dark about its consequences, but the absolute taboo on debating exchange-rate policy was broken during the election campaign. Once such a conspiracy of silence has been broken, it is rarely possible to re-create.

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Jacques Chirac, left, with the outgoing President Mitterrand at yesterday's VE-Day fiftieth anniversary celebrations in Paris

Honeymoon denied to new leader

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

COUNTDOWN TO ELYSEE

ELATED that he has at last achieved his life's ambition, Jacques Chirac, France's President-elect, yesterday revelled in a rehearsal of world statesmanship as the country awaited his first steps towards fulfilling his ambitious campaign promises.

The Paris VE-Day parade, coming hours after the election, enabled President Mitterrand to lead his final public ceremony with his Gaullist successor at his side. The sight of the erstwhile rivals rubbing shoulders with world leaders offered an image of smooth transition such as France has not seen in the 37 years of the modern presidency. Bitterness and tension marred the only previous switch between presidents of opposing camps when M Mitterrand was elected in 1981. As one admiring television commentator said: "France has become an ordinary democracy."

M Chirac, 62, is expected to announce his choice of Prime Minister early next week. Alain Juppé, the pro-European Foreign Minister, is expected to get the job.

Although M Chirac defeated Lionel Jospin by the respectable margin of 52.7 to 47.3 per cent in the election run-off on Sunday, his 20 per cent in the first round testified to an unprecedented lack of support, and allies and critics alike agreed that he would be accorded none of the "state of grace" given to the newly elected M Mitterrand. "The new President's first 100 days will be not only difficult, they will be decisive," said *Libération*.

But with an 80 per cent parliamentary majority and the vast power of the French presidency, M Chirac has a free hand that other Western leaders can only dream of. His main concrete promise is a scheme to create jobs by cutting taxes on employers. The financial world is waiting nervously to see how he plans to achieve a promise to maintain the lavish welfare state while raising real incomes and curbing the budget deficit. Within weeks it should become clear how far he intends to swing away from the tight monetary policies of Edouard Balladur, the outgoing Prime Minister.

Given the generally disgruntled mood in the country, M Chirac is certain to move quickly to show that he will keep his promise to break with the monarchical style of the recent presidency and to curb the lavish ways of the governing bureaucracy. He is expected to launch an immediate spending review and take an axe to limousines and the Government's fleet of executive aircraft.

He must also quickly convert into deeds his promise to be "the President of all the French people", since France has sour memories of the partisan nature of previous administrations. M Mitterrand's clean sweep of power in 1981 led initially to what many saw as a Socialist state. With the Gaullists now controlling local and parliamentary government as well as the presidency, their opponents suspect them of planning a similar takeover.

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Major hopes for ally on EU

BY CHARLES BREMNER

JACQUES CHIRAC, the French President-elect, exercised his famous charm on his European colleagues yesterday within hours of his election, chatting with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and John Major after the Paris VE-Day parade.

Clearly cheered by the French voters' choice, Mr Major said on French television: "I think there are many ways in which Jacques Chirac and I will see Europe in the same way." The Prime Minister's

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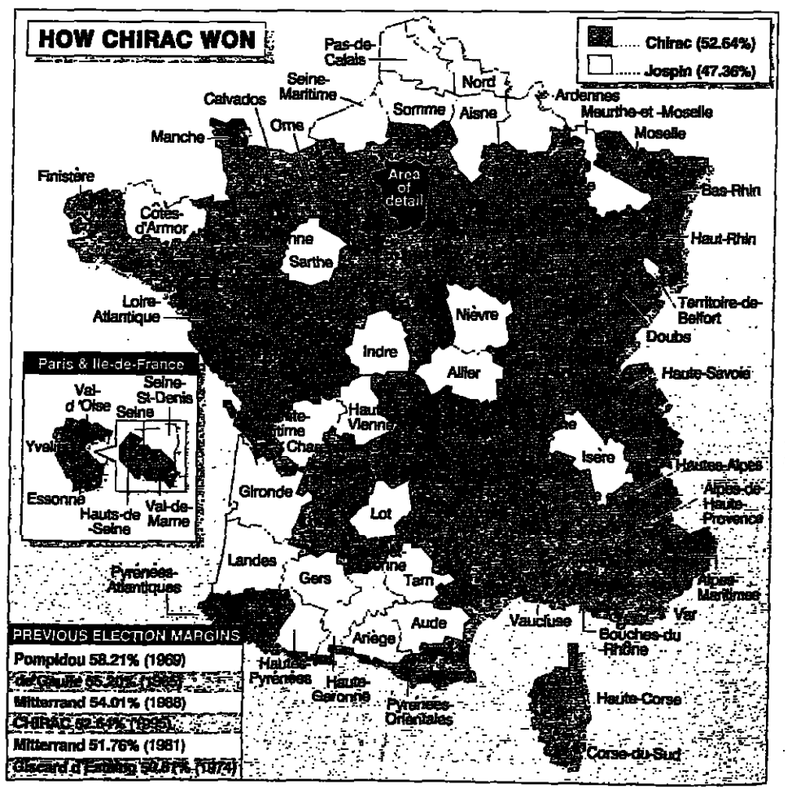
words reflect the view, which is especially prevalent outside France, that for all his pledges to pursue deeper European union and a single currency, M Chirac's heart lies closer to the Thames than the Rhine.

The first tests will come soon, when M Chirac travels, probably next week, for a symbolic session with Herr Kohl. In seven weeks, he will chair the European summit in Cannes at the end of the French EU presidency.

The question now is how long M Chirac can preserve his ambiguity over Europe. His commitments to the single currency in 1999 and to common foreign, economic and defence policies fly in the face of his devotion to French independence. A pragmatic conservative, M Chirac shares a lot of ideas with London on the need to preserve national sovereignty.

However, M Chirac can be counted on to offer a muscular defence of French interests in the face of British resistance. Trade and the Common Agricultural Policy in particular will be at the top of the Franco-British friction list.

European officials in Paris believe that M Chirac, for all his anti-federalist instincts, will always side with the cause of further integration rather than risk a rupture with Germany and the European tradition which has been at the heart of French policy since the 1960s.



Juppé awaits the call to direct period of 'profound change'

BY CHARLES BREMNER

EUROPEAN leaders and financial markets are awaiting nervously the announcement, expected within days, of President-elect Chirac's choice to head the next French Cabinet.

If, as widely expected, the job of Prime Minister goes to Alain Juppé, 49, the Foreign Minister and interim Gaullist leader, M Chirac will be signalling attachment to a strong franc and the European Union. A pro-European who has forged a reputation as a brilliant operator in his present post, M Juppé could be counted on to temper any inclination by M Chirac to stray far from the orthodox policies promoted by Eduard Balladur, the present Prime Minister, and President Mitterrand.

Disruption on the markets, however, would ensue if M Chirac picked Philippe Séguin, 52, his other loyal lieutenant. The champion of the anti-Maastricht cause in 1992

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and present Speaker of parliament, M Séguin is the apostle of *l'autre politique*, the reflationary, British-style approach with which M Chirac flirted during the campaign, and is an opponent of European monetary union.

M Juppé and M Séguin form a troika with M Chirac that dates back to his launch of the reformed Gaullist movement in 1976 and his capture of the Paris mayoralty in 1977. M Chirac has offered M Séguin, a heavyweight orator and disciple of left-wing Gaullism, the possibility of succeeding him as Mayor, but he is reported to have refused. It is thought likely that M Séguin could retain the job of running parliament, which has an 80 per cent Gaullist and conservative majority. If M Juppé becomes Prime Minister, his likely confirmation as party leader, combined with M Chirac's promise to keep his distance from government, would make him one of the most politically powerful leaders in the fifth republic.

The new President will, however, work with the Prime Minister on picking a government team that will have the job of implementing the "profound change" that M Chirac has promised. It will contain many new faces from the Gaullist party and its junior partner, the UDF Centre Right grouping.

Among likely new figures is Dominique de Villepin, the director of M Juppé's private Cabinet. M Chirac is said to have earmarked him as his chief-of-staff. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former President, is also being mentioned, as are Jacques Toubon, 54, the Culture Minister, and Alain Madelin, 49, M Chirac's closest UDF ally.

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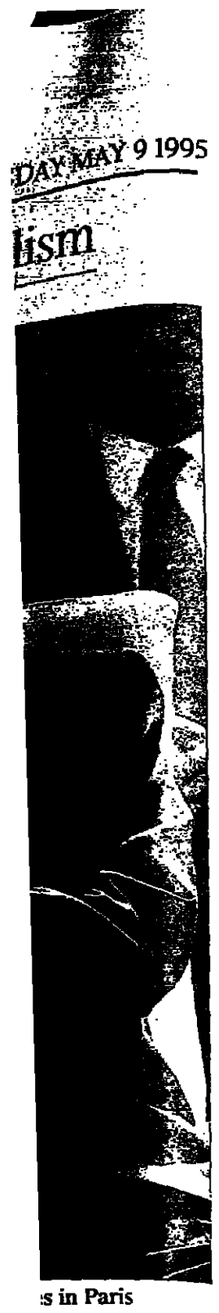

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China on alert as divided leaders anticipate unrest

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

■ With Deng Xiaoping ailing and the approaching anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre, Peking's rival factions are united in their fear of public disorder

PEKING has ordered a national alert before and after the sixth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre on June 4. The move is also aimed at guarding against unrest if Deng Xiaoping, the seriously ailing senior Chinese leader, were to die.

Two apparently high-level documents indicate the leadership is prepared for the worst: rural and urban unrest, minority peoples' revolts, and a breakdown of transport, communications and power.

The leaked documents reflect a split in China's supreme leadership. On one side are President Jiang Zemin and Li Peng, the Premier, allied at least temporarily in their determination to keep their positions. On the other are two members of the Politburo Standing Committee, Qiao Shi, the security supremo who also chairs the increasingly restive National People's Congress, and Tian Jiyun, the Vice-Premier, who in a recent speech to the assembly urged a democratic selection process for national leaders, including the premiership.

Both factions fear disorder and national collapse, but while the Jiang-Li group emphasises loyalty and discipline, those associated with the Qiao-Tian camp appear to favour a measure of political relaxation. Either faction could have leaked the documents. One is a Politburo circular, recently obtained in Peking and dating from just before the purge of corrupt officials, which in recent weeks has shaken the capital.

The critical period for the anticipated unrest, the circular emphasises, will extend from the Tiananmen anniversary until after the October UN Women's Conference in Peking. The presence of thousands of women from abroad, many of them militant upholders of minority and sexual rights, has already caused the regime to move part of the meeting to a remote suburb.

The circular demands that the security agencies maintain 24-hour fax networks, and that all departments should be on constant alert to repair electricity, water, and sewage breakdowns. "Unstable factors" are even greater than last year, the circular says. This fits in with recent warnings that unemployed workers in state enterprises, underpaid farmers, and city residents being forcibly moved during urban development are sources of unrest, as are the army of unemployed, now numbering more than 100 million, and the deepening grain shortages as farmers abandon production in favour of factory work.

Der Spiegel, the German magazine, published yesterday what purports to be a confidential security report to 200 top leaders, giving a warning that after the death of

Li: warnings against official corruption

Mr Deng, 90, and the handful of other ancient revolutionaries, "severe crises are inevitable. There will be a revolt of those desperate groups which have not gained any social advantages from reform." Here again was a mention of more than 100 million unemployed, who are railing against what some posters call "the new aristocratic class".

The alleged document reported that a "dangerous" social grouping was forming around badly educated minority groups, and that "nationalist and far Left groups" were also intent on "restoring the superiority of the socialist system".

Other groups, said the alleged report, advocated more regional power, a genuine parliamentary structure, and a weaker Communist Party. The Government would need to act resolutely against these threats, the report said, but its strength was being sapped by official corruption.

Even if this document proves to be spurious, such dangers have been repeatedly mentioned in the official press and speeches by senior leaders. Earlier this year, Mr Tian advocated a measure of democracy, while President Jiang and Mr Li have both noted that official corruption could bring down the party. None of these reports explicitly mentions factional struggles for the post-Deng leadership, but constant calls from those loyal to President Jiang for obedience to "the core leader" and discipline, especially in the forces, reflect this fear.

☐ **Lottery illness:** Mental illness is rising in the booming southern Chinese province of Hainan, with asylums admitting patients unhinged by lottery losses, bad stock investments and business flops, an official newspaper said yesterday.

"Recent years have seen an increase of mental patients in Hainan in connection with money-making activities, including some engaged in stock speculation, others in business and the majority, some 90 per cent, buyers of lottery tickets," the *Beijing Youth Daily* said. Psychiatric experts attributed the rise in mental illness to the enormous social and economic changes in the island province. *(Reuter)*

Filipino voters in Quezon City use chairs as polling booths in yesterday's elections. Imelda Marcos, below, who has campaigned for a seat in the House of Representatives, casts her ballot at her hometown of Tolosa

21 killed in 'peaceful' Philippines elections

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN MANILA

TWENTY-ONE people, including four candidates, were killed yesterday during key congressional and local elections in the Philippines. The polls, which were also marred by vote-buying, are seen as a referendum on the first three years of President Ramos's generally reformist rule. Most of those killed were victims of random shootings and grenade attacks.

Three people died in a mortar attack at Maganoy, in southern Mindanao island, which was believed to have been carried out by Muslim extremists. However, Bernard Pardo, the chairman of the Election Commission, announced last night that the vote had been "generally peaceful" and concluded three months of campaigning in which 38 people had been killed.

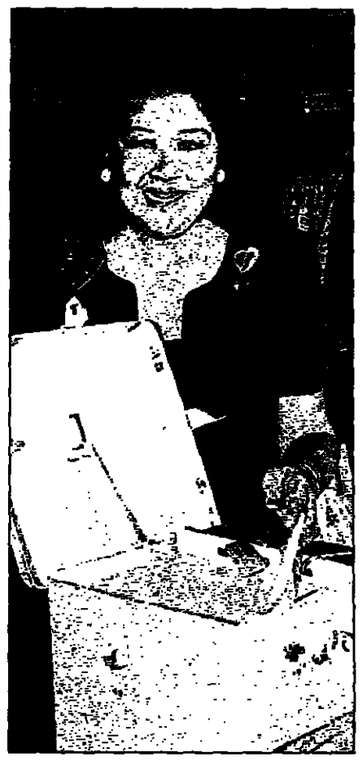
Mr Pardo estimated that 80 per cent of the 36 million Filipinos eligible to vote had gone to the polls to fill half the seats in the 24-member Senate, all 204 seats in the House of Representatives and thousands of local jobs.

Foreign diplomats said last night that Mr Ramos should win the majority in Congress, which he said he needed to complete his plan of making the Philippines, long considered the "sick man of Asia", a developing economy by 2000.

The Election Commission had placed six provinces under its direct control, and thousands of troops were deployed there yesterday and in other areas of "intense political rivalry". In Zamboanga City, in Mindanao, police were on "double red alert" after allegedly uncovering a plot by a newly-formed terrorist group to bomb targets in the city, assassinate government officials and disrupt the voting.

In Manila, 500 pesos (£16) in counterfeit notes was being paid for people to vote for specific candidates or to stay at home.

Personalities rather than issues dominate politics here, however, and most Filipinos vote for names they recognise. This might boost the chances of Imelda Marcos, the former First Lady, who was standing for a seat in the House and her son, Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr, who was running for the Senate. Unofficial results are due in the next few days.



Pressure to halt child sex trade

A call for legislation to prosecute "sex tourists" in their home countries and a ban on child prostitution emerged from a United Nations conference on crime that ended in Cairo yesterday (Stewart Tendler writes). Delegates were told that there are an estimated one million child prostitutes worldwide, most of them in the Far East where they fall prey to European and American tourists.

Urgent action was demanded to combat child trafficking and a trade in child organs, which has been documented in Nepal. Geert Cappelaere, Professor of Criminology at Ghent University, said many societies were still blind to the suffering of children: "Crime against children is a universal problem, but there is a tendency in developed countries to pretend it's only a problem of poorer countries."

Leakey starts Kenyan party

Nairobi: Richard Leakey, the Kenyan wildlife expert, has announced that he is to help to form an opposition political party (Sam Kiley writes).

Dr Leakey, who for many years had close links with the ruling Kenya African National Union, is to join leading human rights lawyers and several MPs in setting up a new party. He resigned as director of the Kenya Wildlife Services in 1993, complaining about excessive government interference in a £187 million wildlife management programme supported by the World Bank.

Israel releases Palestinians

Jerusalem: Israel began releasing 258 Palestinian prisoners as a goodwill gesture to boost the peace deal with the PLO on the eve of tomorrow's Muslim feast of Eid al-Adha (Christopher Walker writes). All those being freed have agreed to renounce terrorism. The move was dismissed by PLO leaders who said that, under the accord, a further 1,700 prisoners should already have been set free.

President accused of self-serving

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Republicans, embarking on their most daring political challenge to balance the American budget, yesterday rebuked President Clinton for avoiding tough decisions in his scramble for the White House in 1996.

Republicans in Congress, attempting to pass the largest deficit reduction package in history, amounting to $1,200 billion (£755 billion) over the next seven years, are taking their biggest political risk since winning an overwhelming mandate last November.

Their plans to balance the budget, which were drafted in the Senate yesterday and will be worked on in the House tomorrow, are facing fierce White House criticism. The proposal for a $280 billion reduction in spending on Medicare, the health insurance programme for the elderly, has come under fire. Democrats say the Republicans are slashing welfare to pay for tax cuts of $700 billion.

Republican leaders yesterday accused Mr Clinton of sacrificing important decisions for personal political gain. Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader, said Mr Clinton had deliberately avoided the contentious issue of Medicare.

Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House, said: "It's been very disappointing to watch the President stay irrelevant on this. But he apparently is absolutely determined to run — to be a candidate and never actually serve in the office between elections."

Peacekeepers seek UN response to Serb assault

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

A DAY after a Serb mortar salvo killed ten people and wounded dozens more in Sarajevo, peacekeepers yesterday condemned the "heartless evil" unleashed by rebel gunners and asked the United Nations in New York to consider military and diplomatic responses.

A senior UN official called Sunday's shelling "the most outrageous violation of a 'safe area' and 'total exclusion zone' since the marketplace massacre in Sarajevo in February 1994".

That incident, in which 68 residents were killed, provoked such international indignation that Nato threatened to respond with air strikes against any further shelling of the besieged capital. The integrity of the ultimatum, however, has been undermined in recent months by the deployment of mortars and artillery pieces within the 12.5-mile exclusion zone and gradually more brazen shelling of the city.

"Once again, the world's attention has been drawn to an act of barbarous violence in this tragic city," the official, Colum Murphy, said yesterday. He said such acts challenged the principles of the UN. "Do we cherish these principles, or can we accept the kind of unprovoked violence that Sarajevo experienced once again?"

Another UN official said that Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, commander of peacekeeping forces in Bosnia, had asked for direction on how to respond to the incident as well as to a worrying disregard for the "safe area" and heavy weapons exclusion zone. The official said the UN in New York would consult major Western powers on the options put forward by the British commander.

Rebel Serbs have moved an estimated 20-30 mortars and cannons into the hills around Sarajevo. On Sunday, it appeared that dozens of mortar bombs and artillery shells fell in and around the city, though the UN did not have a precise count.

"Sarajevo is once again in mourning as it listens through the night to the sounds of renewed shelling and mindless hatred," Mr Murphy told reporters. He said the 15-minute barrage was "completely unprovoked".

Sunday's assault further damaged the already shaken confidence in Nato and the UN among residents stunned by gory television pictures reminiscent of the days before Nato's ultimatum. That declaration was taken as a threat to Serb gunners and a promise of security to the 300,000 residents who endured the siege and bombardment. Those people now feel betrayed as they sense a recurrence of the nightmare they thought over.

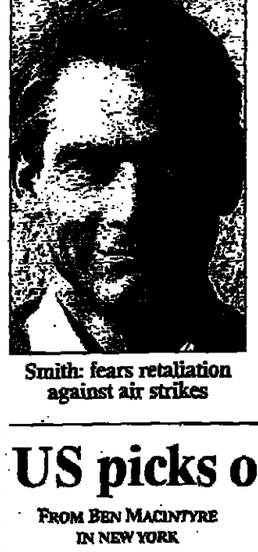
Though Sarajevo is still a long way from the hundreds and thousands of shells that fell daily for the first two years of the siege, the year's respite has made attacks like Sunday's seem more potent.

Peacekeepers believe the large calibre mortar fire on Sunday came from a Serb position south of the city. In recent months, several other mortar attacks have come from the area.

Twice in the 14-month heavy weapons ban around Sarajevo Nato bombers have been called in to destroyed antiquated weapons. In neither case was the raid called over a shelling attack.

General Smith is reluctant to call upon Nato air power — particularly as Western nations try to distance themselves from the conflict — because of retaliation from separatists. He favours "localised" responses, namely actions that lightly-armed peacekeepers are ill-equipped to carry out.

In another development, four people were killed and seven wounded by shelling in the northern Bosnian city of Tuzla yesterday, hospital sources in the government-held region said. Local sources said the shelling came from Serb lines to the east of the city. Tuzla is a UN-declared "safe area".



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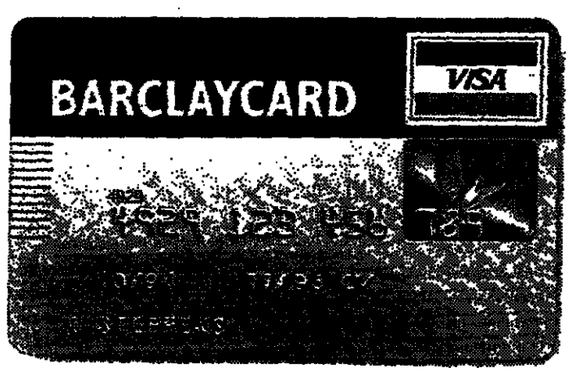

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US picks official poet

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

ROBERT HASS has been chosen as the next poet laureate of the United States, with the challenging task of awakening a public steeped in popular culture to the more arcane joys of verse.

Hass, 54, a professor of literature at the University of California at Berkeley, is the author of three poetry collections. He succeeds Rita Dove, who stands down this month after two one-year terms in the $35,000 (£21,875) post.

Unlike Ted Hughes, his British counterpart, Hass will not be required to write poems for ceremonial occasions but will act as the principal spokesman for American poetry and organise literary events.

■ VISUAL ART 1

Seen the one about the American footballer and the men in kilts? A real puzzler opens the new Tate space

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A hundred of his wartime drawings show Feliks Topolski to be master of the deft observation

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A celebrated Paris murder of 1847 is revisited in Shaun McKenna's fine new drama, *Ruling Passions*

■ TOMORROW

Dianne Wiest on how she achieved her Oscar-winning performance in Allen's *Bullets over Broadway*

Games reveal a new winner

"Art Now": Matthew Barney's *OTTOshaft* installation inaugurates the Tate's new space for contemporary work

GALLERIES:
Richard Cork is intrigued by the work of the young American artist Matthew Barney

The smart white room where Matthew Barney's *OTTOshaft* is installed, as the first show in a welcome new Tate Gallery space devoted to Art Now, is utterly unlike the work's original setting. At Millbank, everything is carefully regulated, and the exhibition is preceded by a printed introduction on the wall. But at Kassel, where I first encountered *OTTOshaft* in the Documenta survey three years ago, it occupied a frankly sinister location.

There, Barney's exhibit inhabited a dismal underground car park. Beneath the curving entry and exit ramps, I felt threatened by all the shadowy, concrete emptiness. And Barney's installation did nothing to alleviate the menace. Odd, unclassifiable yet seemingly functional objects lay on the floor, as if abandoned after some macabre ritual. High on the wall, video images of figures suspended in a lift-shaft, chasing each other, or climbing up to a perilous glass roof, reinforced the unease.

Now that *OTTOshaft* has been transplanted to the Tate's sanitised space, much of the threat is removed. In the brightly lit Art Now room, the introductory panel explains that the work is named after Jim Otto, a celebrated American football player of the 1970s. The frenetic activities recorded on video, relayed here by three monitors in the centre of the installation, all take as their springboard Otto's body-building exercises and the manoeuvres of football itself.

But if visitors imagine that Barney uses Otto's prowess in a documentary way, they could not be more wrong. The Tate show is still bewildering and bizarre. Three orange containers, open at one end, lie on the floor as you enter. They look discarded, possibly at the end of a highly charged performance, and a black uniform with well-polished buckles has been pushed under an appliance near by. Our eyes travel up to the monitors in search of an explanation. But Barney's multi-layered work does not yield instant meanings. He presents us instead with obsessive video sequences, half humorous and half gruelling, where a cast of unlikely figures are embroiled in often manic pursuits.

However baffling they may appear, the videos are hypnotic. The first monitor concentrates on Barney himself, naked apart from a swimmer's cap and harness. He embodies one facet of Otto's character, and swings his body up and down a lift-shaft. At times, the effect is exhilarating. This well-muscled figure seems to delight in his ability to scale vertiginous heights.

At other moments, though, he appears to be trapped within a claustrophobic ordeal. Crashing against the sides of the narrow shaft, his limbs become bruised and start to bleed.

So Barney is fascinated by the punishing, almost masochistic side of sporting exercise. Even as he admires Otto's determination, he is aware of its inherent absurdity. Hence the weird, dream-like mood of the second video, where a bearded figure involved in elaborate training procedures is clothed in the "00" numbered shirt which Otto himself once wore.

Cylindrical forms reminiscent of bagpipes project from his mouth, and suddenly the screen is alive with figures arrayed in the kilted uniform of the Black Watch. At one point, they plunge their heads into containers identical with those laid out on the gallery floor. But they soon re-emerge, covered in white Vaseline. Why on earth should these archetypally Scottish performers be involved with American football? Barney offers no clue.

The final video returns, time and again, to images of pipes inserted in orifices. Barney is just as concerned with the inner functioning of the sportsman as with his outer physique. And perhaps he seeks to draw a parallel, above all, between the athlete's and the artist's urges to reshape the body according to their own desires. Hence the unsettling vein of fantasy in *OTTOshaft*, where sport becomes the starting-point for a nightmarish investigation of the human figure, pushed to its limits.

The same driving purpose, at once aggressive and preposterous, powers its way through Barney's new film *Cremaster 4*. Presented by Artangel all this week at the Metro in Rupert Street, this 42-minute barnstormer focuses on four TT bikers roaring round the Isle of Man in customised sidecars. Brandishing considerable cinematic virtuosity, Barney presents the bikers as anonymous, helmeted gladiators. They seem utterly in thrall to speed, and thrust their way through the narrow, undulating Manx countryside with single-minded virility.

But they are no more fanatical than the tap-dancing satyr who, in the film's opening sequence, dances gleefully on a forlorn Victorian pier. Three smirking "faeries", even more demented than the Black Watch trio in *OTTOshaft*, spur on the satyr and insert balls in his pockets. They are as organic as the white biological forms which gradually ooze out of slits in the biker's uniforms. Once again, Barney is equally interested in notions of an internal journey through the body. Viewed in this light, the arresting aerial shots make the tiny bikers look like corpuscles circulating through the island's veins.

Barney springs his greatest surprise when, quite suddenly, he forces the satyr to undertake a labyrinthine expedition into the island's bowels. After his dancing feet wear a hole in the pier's floor, the satyr plummets into the water. Instead of drowning, he makes his unflappable way across the sea-bed towards the land-mass. Then, inch by painful inch, he burrows through the island's body.

By constantly cutting between his efforts and the biker's relentless speeding, Barney builds up the idea of a race between state-of-the-art machines and the god-like satyr. He probably derives from the Phynnodderree, a hairy satyr in Manx mythology who once inhabited the island with other supernatural beings. But he has to undergo an exacting rite of passage below the ground, and there is no guarantee that he will be the first to arrive at the goal.

Any attempt to explain the knotty symbolism of *Cremaster 4* is bound to make this extraordinary work sound impossibly complex. Against all the odds, though, the film is vivid, entertaining and immediate. Barney's virtuoso direction ensures that we are caught up in the driving dynamism, and made conscious at every stage of the tension between streamlined, mechanical modernity and primordial, legendary strangeness.

That is what matters, not the outcome of a race which remains unresolved even at the end. Wilfully obscure and eccentric he may be, but the originality and panache of Barney's Blake-like paean to energy's "Eternal Delight" cannot be doubted.

● OTTOshaft *is at the Tate (0171-887 8000) until June 18; Cremaster 4 is at The Metro, Rupert St, W1 (0171-734 1506) until May 14, Tues-Sun 11pm and Thurs-Sun matinees at 3pm.*

Guilty but nutty

THEATRE

Ruling Passions
Royal, Northampton

IN AUGUST 1847 the Duc de Praslin entered his wife's bedroom and hacked her to death. Or so the Paris mob suspected: it rioted when the sleazy government of Louis-Philippe failed to arrest him. Henriette Deluzy, governess to the duke's children, confessed to the murder, but certain newspapers had already hinted that she was his mistress. In his first report *The Times*'s Paris correspondent wrote: "Several rumours are afloat, to which I shall not give publicity." He made up for this over the next month, sending daily accounts of the case as witnesses came forward with lurid details.

Shaun McKenna frames his version of these events within scenes at the office of the Chancellor of France, the man conducting the hearing and a personal friend of the duke. One purpose of this approach is to introduce someone able to provide social and political context, but we are given far too little of this, and almost nothing of the critical reactions of the man in the *rue*. Sandor Elès, the urbane Chancellor, is often shown teasing his daffy secretary (Giles Taylor) but the play does not need the modest humour of these exchanges and would have benefited from arguments that alerted us to the world outside.

On the other hand, McKenna's flashback scenes are very much to the point, especially where he imagines material merely hinted at in reports of the case. Henriette is thrilled by the handsome duke, who seems to be the stable partner of the marriage. The duchess keeps to her wing of the house, complaining of headaches, but abruptly we learn that she has more than migraine to complain about. When a man stands behind his wife and murmurs "Such long, soft hair", the prudent woman will keep a paper-knife handy.

Luxury and authority go to the governess's head, and McKenna elegantly shows the unexpected effect of this on the duchess, and the dismay of the duke. Michael Napier Brown's direction brings finely balanced performances from Lynette Edwards, moving from propriety to pride, Christina Greatrex recovering her pride, and Simon Dutton consumed by it. For these flashbacks the prison walls of Ray Lett's set draw apart and a sitting room, a box at the Opéra and a Corsican landscape glide forward. And finally a bedroom, where the paper-knife has its moment of gory glory.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Potent portraits and the art of war

Topolski's wartime images show him to be one of the greatest visual journalists of the century, says **John Russell Taylor**

Topolski's *Bank Holiday on Hampstead Heath* (1939)

There may be some room for argument about where, if anywhere, Feliks Topolski should stand in the hierarchy of modern painters. But who would deny that he was one of the greatest visual journalists of the 20th century? The VE-Day show *One Hundred Wartime Drawings* at David Messum shows him in his element. A sparkling and spontaneous line (allegedly he looked always at the object, never at the paper, while making his lightning records), an easy grasp of dramatic *chiaroscuro*, a cunning eye for eccentricity: all these are ready at Topolski's command. The lighter he seems to be, the more seriously one has to take him.

In wartime Topolski's art refused precise categorisation more than ever. He was a cartoonist, a caricaturist and a political satirist, but he was also a painter, a watercolourist and a muralist. In these brilliant and varied wallworks, one never knows quite when one function is going to shade into another. A flighty sketch like *Royal Academy Viewing in Wartime* is on one level an encounter between a young woman in a fancy hat and a gallant gent in a bowler. But the war is present: she carries a gas mask, he has a warden's helmet under his arm, and both art and battledress are represented in the background.

Elsewhere, dealing with the Axis leaders, Topolski eschews his usual nervous, wandering line for a harsh precision worthy of George Grosz. But one keeps coming back to the sheer reportage: the glimpse of sailors' quarters on a destroyer; shelterers sleeping on the floor in Woolworth's during a night raid; an evening's entertainment snatched by uniformed soldiers in the bar of the Beaver Club.

No doubt it is pictorial journalism in its initial impulse. But if journalism under the stress of strong emotion can become literature, pictorial journalism can clearly become art of a rare order.

● One Hundred Wartime Drawings *is at David Messum, 8 Cork Street, W1 (0171-437 5545) throughout the summer*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

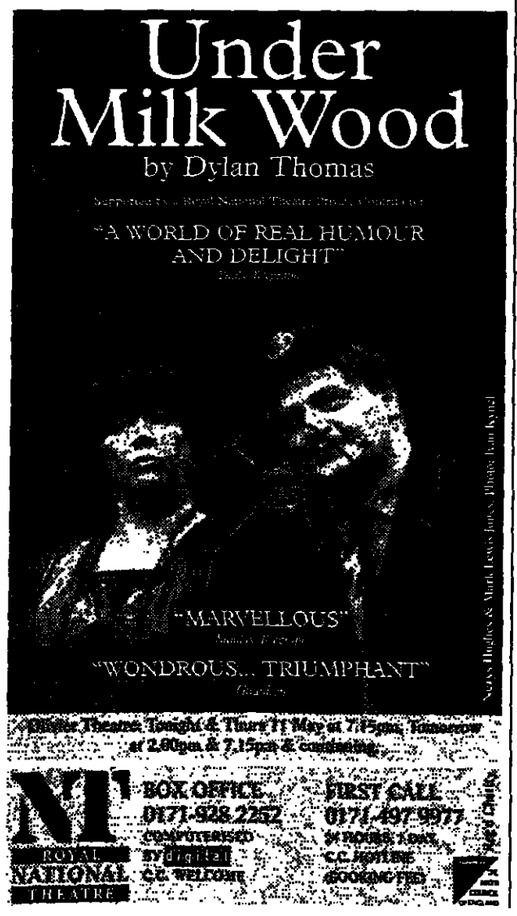
YOUNG artists always believe they are not getting enough attention. But often it is the more mature who are really neglected. Cyril Reason is a good case in point. He studied at the Royal College in the early Fifties. He established his own style early on, with a series of mostly dark-toned, richly coloured figure compositions, often with some notable literary source for their imagery. His retrospective at the Morley Gallery (he was director of art at Morley College during the Seventies) is not so much a chronological survey as a confrontation between works of the Nineties and some early works which have a kinship in subject matter, to show both continuity and lines of development. Reason's painting today is, as it always has been, richly evocative and many-layered with reference, but the prime impulse remains, as it should be for any painter, a need to express in visual terms.
Morley Gallery, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 (0171-928 8501), until May 18

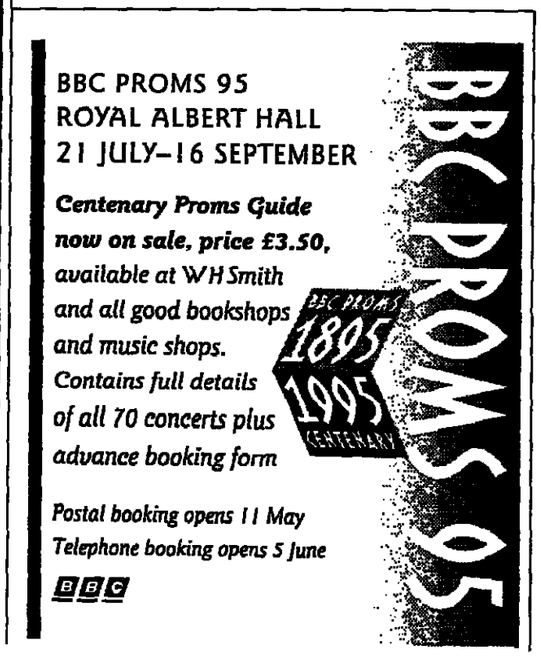
☐ John O'Connor is perhaps due, at 82, for rediscovery. In his case painting has remained in the shadow of his work as a print-maker and particularly a wood-engraver. But in one of his early books he described himself as "a painter who likes to engrave from time to time", and painting in watercolours and in oils has always been of great importance to him. His show at the Rocket Gallery is the first in London for some 15 years, and shows his art to be as vital as ever. The subject matter, as with all his work, is the English scene, surveyed with a pantheistic sense of the mystical undertones. In the major oils quiet rural scenes are suffused with apocalyptic sunset splendour which will amaze those who know only O'Connor's unique skill in black and white.
Rocket Gallery, 13 Old Burlington Street, W1 (0171-434 3043), until June 3

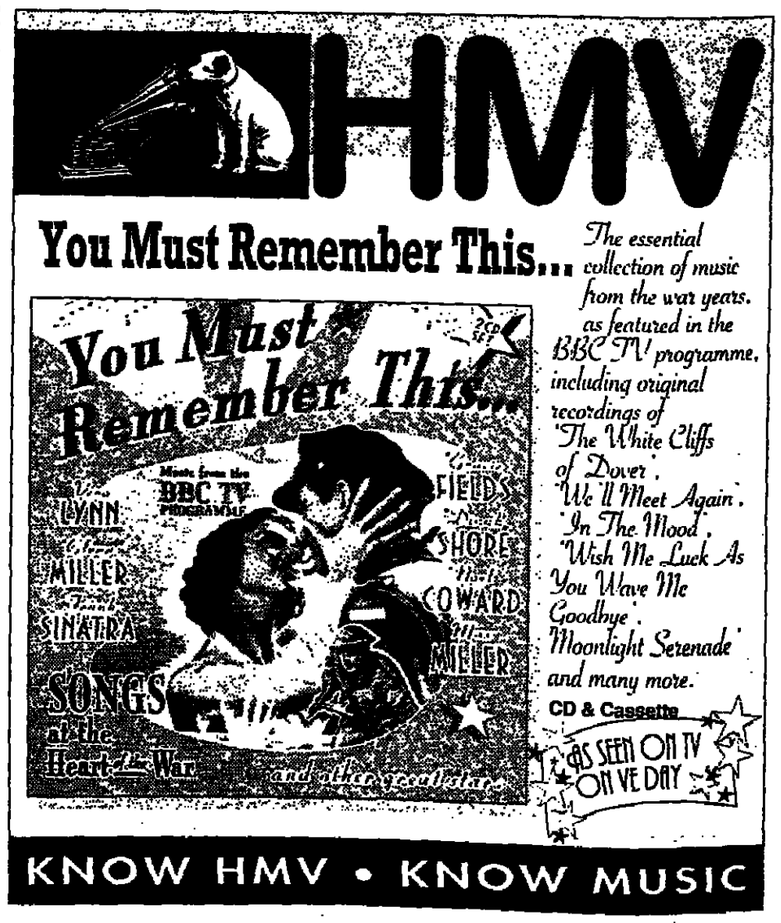
☐ Largely self-taught (despite a brief stint at Swansea School of Art), Vera Bassett has been painting and exhibiting regularly since the late Forties. Her art, as displayed at the Bartlay Drey Gallery, is curious and highly personal, hovering on the borders of the primitive but ultimately quite as knowing as it needs to be. The style and vision are very consistent all the way through from the earliest to the latest: Bassett works in watercolour and crayons, almost always painting groups of women, usually suggestive of the Twenties in their anachronistic devotion to the cloche hat. The colours are very pale and delicate, the world depicted quiet and enclosed — though sometimes a breeze seems to have sprung up from nowhere to endanger the hats and make the overcoats billow. Comparisons with Gwen John seem far-fetched, but finally are not so far wide of the mark.
Bartlay Drey Gallery, 62 Old Church Street, Chelsea SW3 (0171-352 8686) until tomorrow

☐ Ken Hughes is a sculptor on a small domestic scale, producing odd, cartoony groups in brightly painted plaster. The inspiration is generally theatrical: the sculptors are rather like models for peopled stage sets, and sometimes they are quite overtly just that, especially two which refer to the *Marat-Sade*. From the work, Hughes could be very young indeed, but it transpires that he was born in 1927 and at the Slade in the early Fifties. It just shows that the best way of staying ageless in art is to take no notice of fashion.
Browse and Darby, 19 Cork Street, W1 (0171-734 7984) until June 8

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR







■ CABARET

By 'extra special arrangement', the charismatic chanteuse Maria Friedman heads for the West End

■ OPERA

Robert King keeps the Purcell bandwagon rolling with a staging of *The Indian Queen* in London

THE TIMES ARTS

■ TONIGHT 1

Herbert Blomstedt brings his fine San Francisco Orchestra to the Festival Hall for a final tour

■ TONIGHT 2

Angelin Preljocaj is back at Sadler's Wells with his quirky company after a popular success last season

She's done it her way

Maria Friedman cut no corners in getting her one-woman show to the West End. **Matt Wolf** reports

CHRIS HARRIS

"If people go with the songs, they'll get a proper emotional experience," says Maria Friedman of her one-woman show

It is a warm day outside, but inside the Islington Arts Factory in north London, Maria Friedman is really sending temperatures soaring. While Jeremy Sams, her director — and father of her five-month-old son Toby — looks on, Friedman soars through an early Stephen Sondheim number, *What More Do I Need?*. A second Sondheim number, *Another Hundred People*, shows off a gutsier, harder-edged Friedman: the song may be familiar from the musical *Company*, but the take on it is not.

Friedman's versatility has long been a byword in musical theatre as she rose from West End understudy and chorus work in shows such as *Oklahoma!* and *Blondel* to National Theatre leads in *Ghetto* and Sondheim's *Sunday in the Park with George*, for which she was nominated for an Olivier Award.

Now her solo talent reaches a broader West End public. Fresh from winning an Olivier Award for Best Entertainment for her solo show at the Donmar Warehouse, Friedman begins a revised and expanded six-week version of that show at the Whitehall Theatre on Thursday. It's called *Maria Friedman By "Extra" Special Arrangement*.

Her rise through the musical ranks surprises nobody as much as Friedman herself. She has had "no career game plan" ever since she forsook formal education for an existence of "cigarettes and cafés and parks; I didn't really go to school a lot after I was 13 or 14".

Whereas other performers hop from one West End show to another, taking time out for the odd gig at places like Pizza on the Park, Friedman avoided all that: "I don't want to be anywhere where people are eating," she says. In addition, she has deliberately bypassed the British mega-musical: this is one woman we won't be seeing as Nancy in *Oliver!*, Fantine in *Les Misérables*, or Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*. "You're stuck, if you do that," Friedman says. "I don't know who's in most of those shows at the moment, and I don't see that we have a particular caring for artists in those shows. I have more love for what I'm doing than wanting to be gobbled up for the sake of a new bathroom."

Colleagues had been encouraging Friedman "for eight years" to put together a one-woman show, but it took a family invitation to bring the event about. Two summers ago her father Leonard, a violinist, asked Friedman to provide the late-night entertainment at his annual summer festival on the Hebridean island of Mull.

Arriving with a dozen or so songs, and performing in jeans and a jumper, Friedman quickly warmed to the task. "We'd start at about 9pm and still be going at two or three in the morning," she says. The audience was crammed into "a tiny conservatory jutting out into the Atlantic, with no heating and everyone wearing coats and anoraks. It was amazing seeing music done like that without the pressure of ticket sales or reviews, literally for its own sake."

Upon her return to London, Friedman began rehearsals for John Godber's West End two-hander *April in Paris*. While performing in the play during the week, she did her solo show on three successive Sundays at the Donmar, ultimately leaving the play two weeks early in order to mount the longer Donmar season last May.

For her current engagement, Friedman plans 26 songs, 17 of which — including *The Man That Got Away*, *Everybody Says Don't* and a salsa version of *The Blue Danube* — she has not previously sung. As before, the show is intended to display the breadth of contemporary arrangements, not just of Friedman's vocal finesse. Arrangers include Americans Wally Harper and Michael Gibson, known for their work with Barbara Cook and Chita Rivera respectively, as well as newcomer Alexander Levine, a Russian student at the Guildhall School of Music. "We said to Alexander: 'We'll pay you £50 as an experiment, and you get to be with the best arrangers in the world; would you like to have a go?' "

The aim, Friedman says, is for audiences "to come and cry and laugh without anyone spending £1 million on a set. If people go with the songs, they'll get a proper emotional experience. I think of each song as its own little three-act play from which I move on to a new subject and a new emotional state. It's like a good thriller, or a good crossword — you leave clues, and allow the audience to fill in the missing links."

● Maria Friedman *previews from Thursday at the Whitehall Theatre (0171-369 1735) and opens next Tuesday*

All lovely bar the shouting

CONCERT

The Indian Queen
Queen Elizabeth Hall

A WHILE ago the Scottish Early Music Ensemble's production of Purcell's *The Indian Queen* proved that it is possible to stage a Purcell semi-opera with text intact convincingly. But on Saturday the company assembled by the King's Consort preferred a different approach, performed as part of the South Bank's series "Henry Purcell: The English Genius". The text was reworked and converted to a more contemporary style by Michelene Wandor. She also added a skilfully written prologue and epilogue, spoken by the characters of Dryden, Purcell and Dryden's co-author Sir Robert Howard.

That it was a better attempt at updating than the New London Concerto's recent version of Locke's *Psyche* was down both to Wandor's skills and to the clear superiority of Purcell's music. But one yearned for a less tiresomely affected style of delivery. Quite simply, almost everyone shouted too much, sometimes rendering comic that which should have been poignant.

Estelle Kohler's histrionic Zempoalla (the Indian Queen herself), her archetypally pantomimic villainous consort Traxalla (Peter Guiness), the heroine princess, Orazia (a rather schoolgirlish Victoria Turner) and the overdone fire of Montezuma (Ben Davies) conspired to lend the enterprise the flavour of a school play. Slightly gentler, subtler acting came from the gentler character of Acacis (Carl Brincat), and Michael Cronin's Ynca, when not overgrandiose as king, was gracefully reflective as prisoner.

The singing of the various incidental songs was generally sweet and stylish — sometimes, as in *I attempt from love's sickness* enticingly fragile — although the Hissing Song, sung by Robert Torday in the person of Envy, was as usual a show-stopper.

Under Robert King's direction, the instrumentalists of the King's Consort played Purcell's music with flair, and the dance troupe responded attractively to the choreography by Stuart Hopp.

STEPHEN PETTITT

LONDON

LE BALLET PRELJOCAJ: Angelin Preljocaj returns with his experimental, inspiring contemporary dance company after last year's season, which won an Olivier nomination. The week's programmes feature Stravinsky's *Les Noces* and the British premiere of *Pour Essai Sur Le Temps Qui Passe* (tonight, Thurs, Sat and Sun) and the startling duet *Un Trait d'Union, Le Spectre de la Rose* and *Larmes Blanches* tomorrow, Fri and Sat. **Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Tonight-Fri and Sun, 7.30pm. Sat, 3.30 and 8pm

FRISCO FAREWELLS The San Francisco Symphony and Herbert Blomstedt celebrate one of the biggest success stories in American music: "the Blomstedt decade", with a farewell tour for the conductor. It all ends this week, with the orchestra parading ripe Romantic scores by Nielsen, Sibelius, Strauss and Brahms. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm. Tomorrow in **Birmingham**, Symphony Hall (0121-212 3333)

JEFFREY. Opening night for Christopher Villiers as a New Yorker turned in to total abstinence, eight other actors play 42 of his friends and connections. Tim Luscombe directs

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

Paul Rudnick's off-Broadway hit. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until June 10

ELSEWHERE

CHICHESTER Opening night for Derek Jacobi, briskly cutting through the red tape as **Hadrian VII**, a colourful, corrupt fantasy of a 20th-century Englishman who imagines himself to be Pope. Terry Hands directs. **Festival** Oaklands Park (01243 781312). *Tonight*, 7.30pm. Then in rep with Hobson's Choice until June 29

CHELTENHAM: Jane Maud plays the charming but dollarless heroine in Cambridge Theatre Company's dramatisation of Edith Wharton's **The House of Mirth**, her satirical study of turn-of-the-century East Coast high society. Cast includes Lucinda Curtis, Ann Firbank, Andrew Hawkins, Annie Castledine directs

Everyman, Regent Street (01242 572573). Tue-Fri, 7.45pm; mat Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 2pm and 8pm

CHESTER: A 30-year-old New Age traveller meets up with the respectable teacher he desperately fancied when a schoolboy. Judy Loe and Paul Bigley play the leads in John McKay's **Crush**, directed by Jeremy Raisin. **Gateway**, Hamilton Place (01244 340332). Opens tonight. Then Tue-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm; mats May 20 and 24. Until May 27

LEICESTER: Last week of performances for a pretty, energetic, jolly but fragmented **The Taming of the Shrew** from Mihai Maniutiu, director of the Odeon Theatre of Bucharest. Josette Simon is a Kate with a mind of her own, with James McPherson as Petruchio. **Haymarket**, Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 2pm and Sat, 3pm

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum. Two Panels from the Ceiling of Henry III's Painted Chamber, Palace of Westminster, Room 42 (0171-636 1555). **Festival Hall** Art Unlimited: Multiples of the 1960s and 1990s (0171-928 3002). **National Gallery** Spanish Still Life from Velázquez to Goya (0171-839 3321). **National Portrait Gallery**. The Road from 1945 (0171-306 0055)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☒ **DEALER'S CHOICE**: Patrick Marber's fascinating poker drama, transferred from the National. Funny one-liners abound, along with perceptions of the roots of gambling. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm. Sat, 6.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☒ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**: Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind. **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☒ **INDIAN INK**: Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, witty, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE**: Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss. **Ambassadors**, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5.30pm

■ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production from last year's Stratford. The outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit, Barry Lynch. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm

☐ **OUR BOYS**: Jonathan Lewis's searching and often funny drama set in a military hospital where the soldiers question the army's commitment. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Tonight-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Final week

☐ **THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS**: O'Casey's tremendous trag-comedy, in a justly acclaimed revival by Joe Dowling's all-Irish company. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5510). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

☒ **SIMPATICO**: Powerful acting in Sam Shepard's first play for a decade. A shared secret from long ago connects two men now living very different lives. Not vintage but incisive and gripping. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until May 27

☐ **TIME AND THE ROOM**: German season opens with latest play by Botho Strauss, angry critic of his country's materialist priorities. **Gate**, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm

☐ **UNDER MILK WOOD**: Roger Michell directs Dylan Thomas's celebrated evocation of the little town of Llareggub. Better heard and not seen. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm

■ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**: David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat and Sun, 3pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

CLERKS (18): Rough-edged, funny American comedy about a day in the life of a convenience store assistant. Promising debut for young writer-director Kevin Smith. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323). **Metro** (0171-437 0757). **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636). **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031). **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

◆ **I.D.** (18): Undercover cop becomes football hooligan. Simplistic, sometimes powerful British drama; Philip Davis directs. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636). **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031). **Plaza** (0800 888997)

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THE STEAL (PG): Dismal British comedy-adventure with Alfred Molina and Helen Slater as accomplices in computer theft. Director, John Hay. **MGM Trocadero** (0171-434 0031). **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

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DEATH AND THE MAIDEN (18): A decent transfer of Ariel Dorfman's play, but a cramped, impersonal film for Roman Polanski. With Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Stuart Wilson. **Barbican** (0171-638 8891). **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722). **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666)

◆ **LEGENDS OF THE FALL** (15): Bogus epic about a Montana family early in the century. With Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn and Anthony Hopkins. Director, Edward Zwick. **Barbican** (0171-638 8891). **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096). **Coronet** (0171-727 6705). **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666). **Leicester Square** (01426 915883). **Marble Arch** (01426 914501). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm. **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742). **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323). **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721). **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527). **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148). **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666). **Phoenix** (0181-883 2223). **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772). **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332). **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

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Patients who see an operation as the safest form of contraception should be warned, writes **Dr Thomas Stuttaford**, that complete protection is an illusion

Suspicion follows a failed vasectomy

MANY years ago, before the days of DNA testing to settle paternity disputes, a colleague came to see me about his wife's pregnancy. The jubilation of forthcoming fatherhood was absent, replaced by doubts, suspicion and fears. The trouble was that eminent urologists had previously assured him that he had a derisory sperm count and was certainly infertile. His wife had always seemed as steady as Caesar's, but he now wondered if the threat of life-long childlessness had so enhanced the charms of some fellow delegate met at a distant conference that she had strayed. I wondered too, but a search of the literature found more than enough quoted cases in which men with low sperm counts had had children to calm his fears. His daughter is now grown-up and looks reassuringly like her father.

If pregnancy despite a low sperm count can occasionally cause domestic disharmony, the emotions felt when one occurs after vasectomy and subsequent negative sperm checks are even more intense and engender a greater suspicion of infidelity.

In the journal of the Medical Defence Union (the insurance company that protects doctors against patients' claims) Joseph Smith, a consultant urologist, has recently reviewed the possibility of pregnancy after vasectomy. He suggests that all patients sign a Department of Health consent form explaining that there is still a very small chance of a return to fertility. *The Lancet* has also recently published case histories of six men seen by Mr Smith's team. In these men negative sperm counts were followed by pregnancy and DNA testing proved paternity. One man had eight negative sperm counts after vasectomy, but still his wife conceived.

It is estimated that one in 2,000 vasectomies fails, usually through the formation of a new channel at the site of the operation, but possibly occasionally because sperm have lingered in the seminal vesicles. Mr Smith emphasises that conception is more likely when a low sperm count follows the vasectomy than when it is part of a general pattern of infertility. Vasectomy is often requested because a man's sperm have already proved highly fertile: in those cases in which the sperm numbers have always been low individual sperm may also be of poor quality.

Sperm quality is important. Ideally they should be present in large numbers, at least 20 million per ml, with more than 60 per cent of normal shape and size. More than half must still be frisky three hours after ejaculation. Just as not all greyhounds are born chasers, ready to run straight for their quarry, nor will all sperm swim purposefully towards the ovum. This ability to swim in the correct direction, like a good greyhound running from the slips, and not to mill around aimlessly, is known as its linear sperm velocity. Its importance has become recognised only recently with the advent of computer-assisted aids.

There have been arguments about the desirability and safety of vasectomy over 25 years, but the attacks have been directed at the possibility of side effects, not on doubts as to the operation's effectiveness as a contraceptive measure. No form of contraception, however, carries a 100 per cent guarantee against failure. The MDU's plea is that patients should be told that a small risk of conception remains. Mr Smith has found in his practice that this risk is so small that few if any patients opt to use additional methods afterwards.

Could you save a child from drowning?

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh on the techniques that every parent and pool owner should know

TONY WHITE

Dale Taylor with Jane Hine, the swimming teacher whose experience as a lifeguard saved his life. Because of her rapid action, he was sitting up and talking by the time the emergency services arrived

Dale Taylor owes his life to his school swimming teacher, who last summer pulled him unconscious from the ten-metre pool in which he was having a lesson. An intrepid five-year-old whose confidence exceeded his ability, Dale slipped off his armbands and, like many non-swimmers of his age, sank like a stone without any sign of a struggle.

Swimming teacher Jane Hine, a lifeguard with 17 years' experience, quickly initiated the rescue drill. It was probably less than a minute between Dale's last gasp of air and Jane's first breath of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The emergency services were summoned but by the time the ambulance and helicopter arrived, Dale was sitting up and talking. His subsequent physical and mental development have been entirely normal.

The human brain can usually survive a mere three minutes without oxygen before sustaining permanent damage. The sophisticated life-support equipment available in hospitals and, increasingly, carried in emergency vehicles, are rarely immediately to hand at the scene of a submersion injury. Survival depends crucially on the speed and efficiency with which mouth-to-mouth resuscitation (the "kiss of life") and external cardiac compression ("heart massage") are initiated. Without additional equipment a doctor or paramedic can do little more than a properly trained first aider.

The physiology of drowning and near-drowning is complex. The ultimate cause of death is invariably lack of oxygen to the brain, but high levels of the waste gas carbon dioxide can also contribute to brain damage. After submersion, an adult victim usually takes an involuntary "breath" and may suck water into the lungs (aspiration). Fresh water is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream and puts extra strain on the heart. Salt water stays put and draws fluid into the lungs, causing body fluids to become superconcentrated. In practice, these complications matter little to the first aider since the metabolic abnormalities can only be corrected later in hospital.

The controversial Heimlich manoeuvre — in which the victim is vigorously squeezed to clear the windpipe and lungs of aspirated water before beginning the kiss of life — is not recommended by medical advisory bodies. Despite theoretical arguments in its favour, there is little evidence that it saves lives in practice, and precious seconds can be wasted before mouth-to-mouth resuscitation begins. A submersion victim who does not start to breathe immediately when pulled to safety should be checked quickly for obstruction in the mouth (such as seaweed or vomit), then placed directly on his or her back with the head tilted back and given the kiss of life.

Survival after prolonged submersion has occasionally been described. It is widely believed that very cold water will ensure survival for up to 30 minutes, but in reality most victims would drown in water at any temperature after about six minutes. Lucky survivors have often swallowed enough cold water to reduce their core temperature (and therefore their brain temperature) to less than 33C. In addition, they probably belong to the 15 per cent of the population who have an unusually well-developed "dive reflex" — a physiological reaction to cold water when the pulse falls dramatically and blood is redirected from the skin and intestines to heart muscle and brain.

> Victims usually drown in about six minutes

While the chances of survival are high for children such as Dale who get into difficulties in supervised pools and are resuscitated promptly, drowning remains a leading cause of death in children, particularly in the one to five age group. Statistics from America and Japan suggest that infants aged six to 12 months are most likely to drown in buckets or bath water, whereas toddlers aged one to four usually drown in private pools or ornamental ponds.

For older children, the risk is mainly rivers, lakes and beaches. Adolescents tend to drown in association with alcohol, driving, boating, and what Americans call "dare-devilling". Boys of all age groups are three times as likely to drown as girls.

In Britain, swimming pools in the home are uncommon and submersion incidents are relatively rare (1.5 per 100,000 children per year in England and Wales compared with 3.8 in America and 15.5 in Australia). However, unsupervised pools are becoming the norm in private health clubs, campsites and luxury blocks of flats. The hire of pools for children's birthday parties, where qualified lifeguards are not always present and the ratio of adults to children in the water may be low, is increasingly popular.

Surveys in America have shown that few private pool owners know how to resuscitate a submersion victim, and that the risk of an incident in the first six months after installing a private pool is one in 40 — a figure which falls to one in 100 for any subsequent six-month period.

The single most effective preventive measure for private pools is secure fencing which has been shown to reduce child drowning deaths by more than 50 per cent. The fence should separate all sides of the pool from both the house and the sunbathing area and be no more than four inches off the ground: gates should be self-fastening and open away from the pool to stop them being shoved open. In 1990, compulsory fencing was introduced in New South Wales, Australia, but the legislation was repealed after intense pressure from civil liberties groups and pool owners.

Other preventative measures which have proved effective include compulsory resuscitation training for pool owners and education of parents about the dangers of leaving small children unsupervised, even for a moment, near open water. Because the population of new parents is constantly changing, any public education campaign would need to be repeated every two to three years. Pool alarms and pool covers have not been shown to prevent drownings, probably because they are rarely in use at the time the incident happens.

Teaching babies and toddlers to swim does not reduce the risk of drowning and may lead to a false sense of security. The two-year-old who can stay afloat in a heated public pool may not fare so well if he falls fully clothed into the neighbours' fish pond. Infants who can swim at a young age and who do not fear the water usually lose the dive reflex and may be at greater risk if submersion occurs. Nevertheless, taking a baby "swimming" is a sociable and health-giving family activity.

> Never leave a small child even for a moment by water

Outside hospitals, the only time I have resuscitated a drowning victim was when I was an off-duty passer-by. Now that drowning lies third only to road accidents and homicide as a cause of death in young children, surely training in basic life support should be a priority for parents and grandparents, as well as for the owners of private pools and ponds?

● *Royal Life Saving Society, Mountbatten House, Studley, Warwickshire B80 7NN; St John Ambulance, 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EF.*

Jeremy Laurance on the tragic death of a City high-flyer

The fatal shock that a single nut can deliver

People with a serious allergy to nuts must carry adrenalin every day of their lives

Twenty-four hours before she died, Katrina Farrell-Gisse performed an act of generosity that may have cost her life. On her way to work as a senior banking adviser in the City of London she stopped to help a woman suffering an asthma attack outside Fenchurch Street station.

As a lifelong asthma sufferer herself Ms Farrell-Gisse could not pass by a fellow victim. Because she also had a severe allergy to nuts, she carried an adrenalin kit for use in emergencies. She offered the kit to the woman, who gratefully accepted it.

The following day, Ms Farrell-Gisse was lunching in a restaurant with a colleague when she saw a delicious-looking dessert served at the next table. She ordered one but realised it contained nuts only after eating the first spoonful. Without her adrenalin kit she was helpless. Within minutes her breathing became laboured and she lapsed into a coma. Two days later she died. She was 37.

Her grieving friends and colleagues are convinced that with more careful instruction and more serious warnings she might still be alive today.

The adrenalin kit she gave away outside Fenchurch Street station was the second of two she had been prescribed. The first she had used herself a month earlier during a trip to Budapest. Coming out of a hotel after dinner, she had been offered a mint which turned out to contain an almond. She got out her kit but did not know how to put the syringe together or how to inject herself. "There was blood all over the hotel lobby," she joked with a friend later.

Katrina Farrell-Gisse: gave away her adrenalin kit

It was the latest in a series of scares. On eight occasions in the last two years she had to run from her office in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, where she worked as an adviser to the Secretary General, to the company doctor a street away.

A close friend at the bank, Veronique Casse-Grain, said: "Each time it happened she would call me from the doctor's surgery and I would go to be with her. Once she ate some cereals for breakfast at the bank and didn't notice that they contained peanuts. I remember the doctor on that occasion warning her that each time the shock to her heart was becoming more violent and required a larger dose of adrenalin.

"She tried to be careful but I don't think she was really conscious of the extreme seriousness of her condition. Giving away her adrenalin kit was a wonderful gesture but maybe it cost her life. People must be warned. She was a gorgeous woman and only 37. It is too young."

Her sister, Pia Barbe-Massin, said that all through Katrina's childhood doctors had said her allergy would ease with age. Instead it had intensified. "She liked to enjoy life. She was divorced but she had a wide social circle and went out a lot. The alternative was living in a bubble, which was not her style. I feel that the point is not driven home firmly enough that people with these problems have to carry an adrenalin kit every day of their lives and be taught how to use it."

An allergy to nuts is estimated to affect 1 per cent of the population and causes up to five deaths a year. Proteins in the nut trigger a massive immunological reaction which causes the body to go into anaphylactic shock, in which all the major systems shut down. A quick shot of adrenalin to kick-start the heart is then all that stands between life and death. No one knows why nuts cause so severe a reaction, though scientists at Southampton University are trying to identify the protein responsible.

The Anaphylaxis Campaign gained 2,000 members in its first year. It was started by David Redding, whose daughter died after eating a portion of lemon meringue pie which contained nuts. "People are not getting the guidance they need," he said.

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How a British actress became a film star by playing a fat, frumpy teenager

'People think you're more worthy when you're thin'

Minnie Driver tells **Julia Llewellyn Smith** about her Hollywood success and her new role as an MP's sultry mistress

The last time I saw Minnie Driver she was lying on a bed, curls snaking around her head, wrapped in an unseasonal leopardskin coat. She said "darling" a lot and had a habit of breaking unexpectedly into a gutsy soprano. It was a June afternoon in the London Borough of Wandsworth and this glamorous creature was planning an InterRail trip with my best friend's sister's best friend.

She was 16-years-old, with a body which, if it had belonged to someone else, would have been described as fat, but because it was Minnie's was simply voluptuous. Asked what she wanted to be, she said "a star".

Eight years later, Minnie remembers her teenage self and grimaces. "I was much more actressy then than I am now," she says. "I suppose once you're actually doing it, you don't have to pretend any more."

Not that the 24-year-old Minnie is any less dazzling. Tall, tanned and curvaceous (definitely not fat), with a wide, white smile, she looks every bit the movie star she has recently become. Her first feature film, *Circle of Friends*, opens here on Friday, on a wave of ecstatic reviews from America, where it has taken more than $20 million.

She became the talk of LA by abandoning any notion of glamour. To win the role of Bernadette, the film's frumpy teenage heroine, Minnie was told to stop exercising, start eating and forget about being beautiful. By the time she started filming, Minnie had put on two stone. The director Pat O'Connor was delighted. Minnie was horrified.

"I was appalled at my own vanity," she says, sitting in the Savoy Hotel and picking at a starter portion of Caesar salad. "When I first saw the film, instead of watching this wonderful character I was playing, I was worrying about the way I looked. There is no doubt that people think you're more worthy when you're thin, and that dragged up ghosts from my own life, of my puppy-fat days."

Weight-conscious Hollywood was equally fascinated by her professional sacrifice and duly impressed at the post-production slimline model. "Interviewers would ask me in all seriousness if I was going to make my own diet and exercise video." She howls with laughter. "They would ask what my diet secrets were. I would say 'eat less and move around more' and they would write it down as if it were the gospel." She grins wickedly. "Come to think of it, I should. I'd love to single-handedly sabotage the diet industry."

But Minnie contributes far more than a bloated silhouette to this excellent film, based on a Maeve Binchy novel, in which she is wonderfully touching as clumsy Bernie, a Dublin student in the 1950s, learning some tough lessons about friendship and love. "Everyone knows a Bernie. She is non-threatening, the nicest friend we have and therefore open to abuse," says Minnie.

> 'Interviewers asked me what my diet secrets were. Eat less and move around more, I said.'

The same could not be said of Jennifer Caird, an MP's mistress, who is played by Minnie in *The Politician's Wife*, a schlocky three-part drama which starts on Channel 4 on May 16. Her role consists largely of semi-pornographic telephone conversations with the high-flying minister, played by Trevor Eve. "When I went to the screening I did think 'Oh no, what have I done?' during those bits," she says. "And I couldn't believe the way people hissed when I came on. I wanted to say 'She's the wrong one, you are taking the surface scapegoat.' The MP is the real villain, she loved him, he treated her badly." She sighs. "But it's always frustrating doing small, good parts because there's so much more you want to say."

Such parts seem unlikely for a while, although she has a cameo in the new James Bond, *GoldenEye*, as Robbie Coltrane's cabaret-singing girlfriend. Next she is off to New York to star with Marcello Mastroianni and Isabella Rossellini in an art movie called *The Big Night*. "Journalists have been accusing me of abandoning Britain, as if I had a choice about it. I struggled to get any continuous work here — last year was a fairly fallow period for me. Now I have a whole wealth of opportunity and of course I am going to go where the work is."

She has, indeed, done her stint on the aspiring actor's *Casualty* and *Lovejoy* circuit, but on the whole it has been a charmed life. The youngest child of a financier and former model, most of Minnie's childhood was spent at the family's second home in Barbados, before Bedales, the progressive boarding school in Hampshire, and drama school at 17.

She has a flat in Chelsea, which she shares with her sister Kate. They are off to find an Elizabeth Hurley-type dress for the *Circle of Friends* premiere. "I don't have a date for the premiere, so I'll just go with my friends and enjoy myself all the more." In Hollywood, she chuckles, she would have asked her agent to call "some young actor I fancy" and ask him to accompany her.

"It's ridiculous the way complete strangers ask you to their parties there," she giggles, puffing on a Marlboro Light. "And if you go and you drink wine they say you're an alcoholic and if you don't they say you're in AA. I don't order anything any more."

Despite the amused griping, she is having the time of her life. "My agent said 'I hope you are keeping a diary'. I said 'Why? So you can option it when I'm 45?' She said 'No, because you will never forget this time of your life' and she's right. I couldn't be happier."

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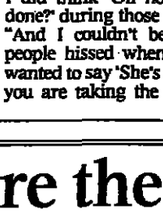
America loved her in *Circle of Friends*; Britain will hiss her in *The Politician's Wife*; and Minnie Driver is having the time of her life

Why are the young so hooked on nostalgia?

Adolescence now lasts until 30 with all the egotism that goes with it. They no longer want to grow up

GIVEN that many people actually did feel that the war years were the best of their life, that for all the dreadfulness, nothing was ever quite as right, as real, again, it is surprising how briskly un-nostalgic the events, or the events surrounding the events, of the past few days have been. That, of course, is why — with the exception of the *jeux sans frontières* jollifications introduced by Sir Ian McKellen in Hyde Park on Sunday — it has all been so moving. Real feeling, not sentiment has been expressed.

But then, nostalgia has ceased to be the preserve of the old and has become instead the dominant neurosis of the young. In the Sixties those who harped on the good old days were scorned as square; now the backward glance is the latest look. A sociologist might be well-satisfied with the obvious interpretation that springs to mind, that in an age of mass and enduring unemployment and the social ills that accompany it, there is not much for many of the young to look forward to. No wonder they feel that memory lane is the only street they will ever find that is paved with gold. As explanation that serves, but it doesn't suffice. The fashionable plundering of the past is not just to do with the economy. Watching television the other day I was surprised to see an advertisement for a record of hits of the Eighties. The soppy nostalgic tone of the commercial seemed crackpot. Not just because there really doesn't seem that much to evoke, to want to bring back, but because it isn't long enough ago to have been forgotten in the first place.



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Actually, I quite liked some of the songs. Well, one does like records one danced to, was depressed to at university or wherever it might be — and hence the projected appeal of the album — but I don't feel old enough yet to get nostalgic for my youth. Like eye-cream, I feel that it can wait a while. I rather liked all the Seventies stuff until that, too, became newly fashionable. For one thing it's annoying when one's quirky tastes become orchestrated eccentricities, but more than that, I began to feel that I was never going to be allowed to leave my youth. Just this week yet another Seventies Season has been declared at Channel Four.

All this supports the thesis above, I suppose: in the old days people felt that adulthood was worth achieving because with it came money, your own home, a job, freedom. No longer evidently. When I was 15 I regarded it as immensely flattering to be taken for a 28-year old, it was indeed what 15-year-old girls strived towards. Now the young no longer want to grow up.

Just as the growth of political correctness has been rightly attributed to the Left being deprived of power in the public sphere, and turning the personal into an arena of political interest instead, so the lack of engagement in what we may think of as the outside adult world has led many of the young towards an infantile introspection. Adolescence now lasts until 30, with all the irritating egotism that goes with it. The nostalgia business is just narcissism by another name. Every track of one's life must be recorded, rerun and watched, studied, listened to again and again. And the soundtrack goes Me-Me-Me.

This is all the more evident in the false nostalgia that is the real business. The wistful, pseudo-ironic evocation of the Seventies and Eighties is really for kids who were babies when the records we're talking about were in the charts. Seventeen-year-olds can't remember any of this stuff, but they are reclaiming it for themselves. All this filching of other people's past is self-centredness no less: think of it as one big tantrum. "S'not fair," they're saying. "You had this and we didn't, we feel left out," they wail. What these narcissistic souls can't bear is that there exists an age, a time, anything, of which they were not a part.

I wish I could claim as my own the conceit that nostalgia ain't what it used to be. Still, it's true, and there is something creepy in coming over sentimental about other people's memories.

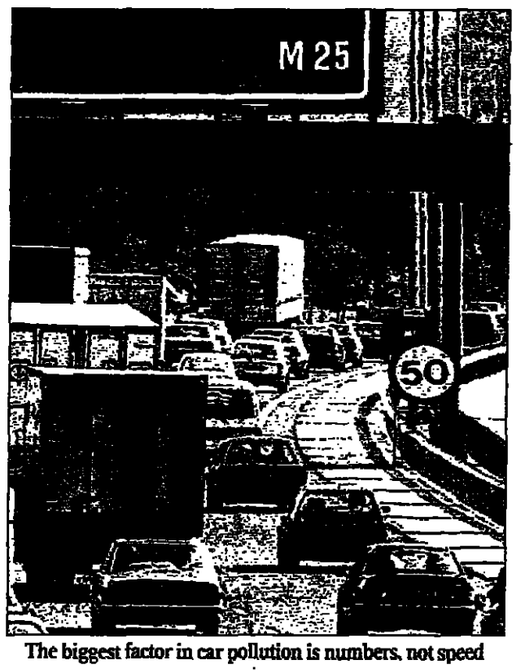
Dr Mawhinney's motorway madness

Peter Millar asks what happened to the Tory love affair with the private car

Anyone on the move anywhere — and that includes most of the British nation over the past few days — will not, while cursing the hideously expensive cones positioned "to protect the workforce" even while said workforce is on holiday, have failed to notice the huge blue signs: "Department of Transport: Investing in Roads". All part, we are told, of the Tory love affair with the private car, which goes back to Margaret Thatcher's vision of it as the engine of freedom. Cars are the guarantors of individualism. Cars get the nation moving. Motorways make them move faster. There you are: consistency.

So why on earth has Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, announced a trial speed limit of 50mph on sections of the M25 London orbital motorway which will, if judged successful, be extended to other busy motorways around the country?

What Dr Mawhinney has been doing, of course — like everyone else before a Bank Holiday weekend — is listening to the weathermen and women. In their quest to become television "personalities" these weather persons are no longer content with detailing the antics of isobars but, in addition, offer us tips on what factor suntan lotion we should be applying or stand in for the local GP with advice to asthmatics. And what they have been saying over the past few days of sweltering heat is that a huge fug of pollution had collected over Britain, much of it due to car exhausts.



The biggest factor in car pollution is numbers, not speed

Enter Dr Mawhinney with the whizzo idea to make the Government look hyper-reactive and announce that he is introducing a trial speed limit.

But what on earth is the point of building motorways the length and breadth of our supposedly green and pleasant land, if you then force people to drive on them more slowly than they may currently do on country B-roads? Stand up and be counted all you protesters against the extensions to the M11 and M65. Dr Mawhinney is secretly on your side. He is not convinced by the motorway programme at all. All those millions spent on contractors, barbed wire, high fences and security firms are clearly part of an elaborate joke.

It is undoubtedly true that cars are among the biggest atmospheric polluters in Britain today. And there is some evidence that driving faster means higher levels of potentially harmful exhaust emissions. But by far the biggest factor in causing pollution is sheer numbers: too many cars on the road at the same time. Given that under Dr Mawhinney's new trial speed limit, a journey of 75 miles will take a full 50 per cent longer to complete than it would have done at 75mph, the result is not only a greater waste of productive or leisure time, but a substantial increase in the duration of the exhaust emissions.

But wait a minute, I hear you howl: 75mph is an illegal speed, 5mph more than the existing limit. Indeed. It is also lower than the average speed on the outside lane of most of our motorways when traffic is free-flowing. Official figures from the police and motoring organisations show that about 70 per cent of motorists break the speed limits.

> More leisure will be wasted

The probability is that 90 per cent of M25 users will break a 50mph speed limit, given the chance to go that fast. The law in this case is not an ass, but a backseat passenger in the slow lane.

"Speed kills" is — if not wholly a lie — at best a misrepresentation of the facts. Accidents at high speed are more likely to be fatal, but what causes accidents is not speed but bad driving. In many conditions acceleration can save lives. Slow drivers are as likely to cause accidents as fast ones.

In Germany and much of America, for example, the law requires any driver going so slowly that a large queue of vehicles builds up behind him to pull in and let others pass.

The debate over motorway speed limits in Germany remains intense, with manufacturers and drivers ranged against greens and nanny-staters. The current stand-off is: controls in areas of environmental concern such as the Black Forest, but no national speed limit.

Although the German accident rate is higher than that in Britain, particularly since unification when millions of drivers unused to anything faster than a fibreglass Trabant with a two-stroke engine were let loose on the autobahns, the result is that where speed limits are in force, the majority of drivers obey them.

Whereas "rules are made to be broken" is a good old aphorism reflecting our plucky British refusal to knuckle under to bureaucrats, it is a different thing entirely if we substitute the word "laws" for "rules". Laws are made to be obeyed. So it is best not to make silly ones, especially in response to the weather.

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Twisting Yeltsin's arms

Will Russia accede to Western requests, asks **Martin Fletcher**

Today, in Moscow's Red Square, President Clinton will join President Yeltsin to watch celebrations of the past, choreographed right down to the last goose-step. Tomorrow, behind the Kremlin's walls, the two men will discuss the future at what is probably the least choreographed summit since Presidents Eisenhower and Khrushchev held the first in 1959.

With the notable exception of President Reagan's surreal encounter with President Gorbachev in Reykjavik in 1986, when the two men were transported by dreams of a non-nuclear world, these summits have almost invariably been minutely scripted events at which the leaders rubber-stamp agreements and communiqués prepared long in advance by minions.

Not this time. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, has been talking constantly to Andrei Kozyrev, his Russian counterpart, in a fruitless bid to ensure that the two presidents will be able to announce progress on the three issues poisoning relations between Russia and the United States: Moscow's determination to sell nuclear reactors to Iran, its brutal suppression of Chechenia, and its fierce opposition to any expansion of Nato.

Mr Clinton has had several recent exchanges by telephone and letter with Mr Yeltsin on these issues, but without reaching any understandings. In the margins of London's VE-Day celebrations on Sunday, Vice-President Al Gore met his friend Victor Chernomyrdin, Russia's Prime Minister, but even this usually reliable "back channel" for averting major clashes achieved no breakthrough.

American officials concede, astonishingly, that the summit's success now depends on Mr Clinton's personal diplomacy, his ability to revive the spirit of trust and cooperation that infused the Bill 'n' Boris show before last December's disastrous Budapest meeting, when Mr Yeltsin suddenly decried Nato's expansion plans and warned of an imminent "Cold Peace".

Mr Clinton hopes that face-to-face he can persuade Mr Yeltsin to overrule his advisers and take snap decisions on his own. The White House has watched the bibulous Russian President become an intermittent player in the government of Russia, little focused on major issues and increasingly dependent on a small cadre of conservative aides. It believes that the American case against the Iranian reactor sale in particular may never have been fairly presented to him.

The summit is a huge gamble for Mr Clinton. He has been criticised at home for choosing — despite his advisers' objections — to celebrate VE-Day's fiftieth anniversary in Moscow rather than in London, particularly when Russian troops are running amok in Chechenia. Even as Air Force One left Washington yesterday, American newspapers were proclaiming the appalling massacre of women, children and the elderly in a farming village called Samashki.

Mr Clinton can offer few concessions to help Mr Yeltsin. The new Republican masters of Congress are tired of the Administration endlessly accommodating an old foe with an economy scarcely the size of Brazil's and a military establishment so feeble that it is struggling to suppress a small internal revolt. Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, pointedly warned Mr Clinton on Sunday that "your job isn't to go to Russia to make Yeltsin happy". On the other hand, Mr Yeltsin, who faces resurgent nationalism and re-election next year, cannot risk being seen meekly capitulating to American demands.

The Iranian reactor sale is the make-or-break issue. Mr Clinton considers it so important that on April 30 he banned American trade with Iran so as to speak with greater moral authority.

Mr Clinton will present Mr Yeltsin with top-secret American intelligence showing that Iran has embarked on a crash programme to build nuclear bombs. He will beg Mr Yeltsin to consider whether Russia really wants "atomic ayatollahs" on its southern border. Mr Yeltsin may offer to withhold a gas centrifuge plant capable of producing weapons-grade uranium, and to retrieve Iran's nuclear waste, but Iran would still acquire vital nuclear expertise.

> Yeltsin must choose between the West and isolation

This will be an excruciatingly painful decision for Mr Yeltsin, one that finally forces him to choose between Russia's further integration with the West and a retreat into ultra-nationalism.

He faces huge pressure from a military-industrial complex that desperately needs hard currency, argues that the Americans are seeking to give almost identical nuclear reactors to North Korea, and claims that they want to block the sale so as to monopolise the world's lucrative nuclear power industry. Perversely, Washington's virulent objections have made it much harder for Mr Yeltsin to cancel the sale without becoming nationalist fodder.

But he must also weigh the enormous cost of being seen helping America's most dangerous and implacable enemy to obtain nuclear weapons. The consequences, Mr Gingrich warned, would be "catastrophic". Not only would revenues from the $1 billion deal be more than offset by the certain loss of American and international aid, but the case for the West continuing to mollify Russia would collapse.

Republicans would legitimately argue that if Moscow defies Washington on an issue of such magnitude, nothing can be gained by further delaying Nato's enlargement in deference to Russian sensitivities. Mr Clinton, personally rebuffed by Mr Yeltsin and scalded politically, would very likely agree.

TWENTY-FIVE OLD FARTS

A better plan for Europe

Timothy Garton Ash suggests an all-European alternative to the Franco-German gamble on monetary union

I have been told, by a reliable witness, of a dinner at which Jacques Chirac was asked about Saddam Hussein, of whom he had, some time before the Gulf War, been a professed admirer. "Oh, he's changed a lot, you know," came M Chirac's prompt reply. This classic piece of politician's wisdom can be applied, with rather more truth, to M Chirac himself; and on few subjects has he changed more than on t000078t of Europe. While at the moment of his election on Sunday he declared that, under his presidency, France will be "the motor of the European Union", the speed at which he hopes the motor will run, and the direction in which the vehicle is supposed to be heading, remain unclear — perhaps even to M Chirac himself.

Yet the awkward fact is that he will inherit from his predecessor a truly breathtaking project for Europe to the end of the century. This project has a supposedly binding timetable, laid down in the Maastricht treaty. Facing the reunification of Germany five years ago, François Mitterrand felt it to be more urgent than ever to bind Germany into Europe. Curiously enough, Chancellor Kohl wants the same thing, so that the Germans will not be left alone to face the temptations of the past in the centre of the Continent. The chosen path is monetary union. In Chancellor Kohl's view, this, with its inevitable and desired political consequences, is to make the process of integration "irreversible". France and Germany are to form the "magnetic core" of a uniting Europe. But where they lead, other states, including Britain, are to follow. EU-rope after next year's inter-governmental conference (IGC) will be multi-speed but still moving in one direction.

The trouble is that this project is very likely to fail. Monetary union itself might fail, obviously, at the first or second fences, because even the core economies are not close enough to stand the strains, or because either French or German political opinion turns decisively against it. How can Chirac deliver his central election promise to reduce unemploymen while at the same time bringing down France's budget deficit to meet the Maastricht convergence criteria and keeping the franc *fort* in preparation for economic and monetary union? The name of Philippe Séguin stands for an already formidable body of respectable opinion opposed to the Maastricht project on Chirac's own side of the political spectrum. Meanwhile, German public opinion is loath to give up the mark, and even Chancellor Kohl is now saying that the convergence criteria aremore important than the timetable. Both countries are due to have parliamentary elections in 1998, just as monetary union — according to the timetable — comes to the crunch. Monetary union might also fail after the event: nothing except death is irreversible, and European history offers several examples of failed monetary unions.

Yet it may also fail by succeeding. That is: succeed in the narrow, technical sense but fail in its broader purpose. The countries in the single market but not in the core monetary union would face both pressures and temptations to pursue a different economic policy from the core. How, for example, would the core-group countries react to a flooding of their markets by British, Italian and Spanish goods made cheap by devaluation? (That would be shortsighted of us, but most governments are.) A single market is perhaps difficult to sustain without a single currency, but it may be even more difficult to sustain with a clear, formalised division between monetary core and periphery. And how would this work in the councils of EU-rope? Would representatives of the core states have separate meetings on those fundamental issues of fiscal and macroeconomic policy on which they would now have to reach a common stance? Or would the core group be a permanent caucus, coming to each council with an agreed position? One of the great strengths of the EU is its flexibility: you have changing national alliances on different issues. Set one alliance in concrete and you risk breaking the whole structure.

> If we don't care about Europe, we will pay the price twice over

The great gamble of this continental project is that the Franco-German core will indeed be magnetic, that where Bonn and Paris lead, others will sooner or later follow; and the reason people in Bonn and Paris (and quite a few older "pro-Europeans" in London) think this will happen is that that is roughly what did happen for about 35 years, from 1955 to 1990. But a process that worked, almost with the regularity of a physics experiment, in the air-cooled laboratory of Western Europe in the Cold War will by no means necessarily work in the same way in the much larger, messier post-Wall Europe of today.

Anyone who has played with magnets knows that they can have two effects: one way they attract, the other way they repel. There is now a serious danger of the would-be magnetic core exerting repulsion. The best can be the enemy of the good. The rationalist, functionalist, perfectionist attempt to "complete" Europe using a hard core built around a rapid monetary union could well end up achieving the opposite effect. A procedure aimed at finally overcoming the bad old European ways of competing nation-states and alliances risks hastening a return to precisely those bad old ways. Press "fast-forward" and you go backwards.

Yet even if it succeeds, both economically and politically, even if Britain and others in the EU once again follow where France and Germany have led, this in itself offers nothing to the rest of Europe knocking at our door. Indeed, the whole IGC process threatens to be "Maastricht II" in the sense that the leaders of EU-rope may again be so totally preoccupied wth the EU's own internal reforms that they simply won't have enough time, energy and attention left for the parts of Europe where our actions might actually make the difference between democracy and dictatorship, war and peace. They'll still be fiddling in Brussels while Sarajevo burns.

However, it is not enough just to point out the flaws and dangers in the Franco-German project. The French and Germans will rightly retort: do you have a better one? For anyone who cares about Europe, the task is therefore to come up with a better one. Or at the very least, to ensure that there is something else under way so that the whole European enterprise atthe end of the 20th century is not seen to stand or fall by this hair-raising adventure of unification through money.

That something should, I believe, be a detailed project both for the enlargement of the present EU to include the recently liberated new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe, and, simultaneously, for a more closely coordinated, and in some respects "common" foreign, security and defence policy, to meet the challenges and dangers both within Europe itself and from the dangerous world around. This project would approach the political goal directly, by political means, not through economics.

Unlike monetary union, this would not be one simple big thing but a whole jigsaw of complex, piecemeal things, since it would necessarily involve many other, overlapping European institutions, and above all, EU-rope's second pillar: Nato. It would, however, require more sharing of power and sovereignty: both in the form of qualified majority voting, without which an EU of 20 or more states would not work, and in the rather different procedures for what one might call qualified minority acting (by varying groups of states, but usually involving France, Germany and Britain) — which are what is needed in foreign and defence policy.

But if you don't care about Europe, just about Britain, why bother, why pay the price? For two reasons: because if we don't we'll be left out, and because if we don't we'll be dragged in. Left out, in the short term, from the next stage of Franco-German EU-ro-building, with (at the very least) high risks for Britain, but then dragged in by the probable failure of that design and by the disorder of the rest of Europe which that design does so little to address.

Fifty years on, we remember Britain's unique contribution to the Victory in Europe with wholly justified pride. But we had to fight that war partly because of an earlier British policy based on the mistaken belief that Britain could, by a diplomacy of detachment, insulate itself from those European quarrels in faraway countries of which Chamberlain knew nothing. Wrong then, even more wrong now.

This article is adapted from a longer essay in the current TLS.

Turn the heat on Blair

Woodrow Wyatt on where Labour is vulnerable

Refreshingly, after last Thursday's council losses, Malcolm Rifkind recognises that there could be a Tory electoral defeat. Boasting you are certain to win, contrary to politicians' belief, has never been popular with voters, as top-of-the-charts boy Blair will discover. Most are susceptible to a little flattery. "It is an honour to serve you and we hope to convince you we have the right policies" is a better line. The country has never been more prosperous or less prone to inflation. Exports exceed imports. Unemployment falls faster than on the Continent and in most industrialised countries. Average disposable incomes, even during the recession, continue rising above inflation. Mr Major is a statesman of world class whose economic policies are succeeding. So are his patient negotiations for permanent peace in Ireland. That it is no longer dangerous to shop in Belfast or London or any other large mainland city, apart from the sporadic antics of animals rights protesters, is almost entirely due to him.

There is nothing wrong with Mr Major's message, except that, prompted by a hostile press and media, the public are either unaware of it or bored by it. There is an undoubted but irrational feeling that it is not good for democracy for the same party to be in office so long. Under this delusion, millions are willing to vote for the opposite of what they want, as they did when electing fanatically pro-Brussels Socialist Euro MPs and replacing Tory councils with incompetent, overspending councils with higher council taxes and poorer services. The Tory army is battered, dejected and now prone to defeatism. This is the moment when a good general, as I am sure John Major is, rallies his troops by switching from enervating defence to attack. The enemy is far from invulnerable.

Last Thursday, only 38 per cent voted in the local elections, compared with 44 per cent three years ago. In percentage terms, Lib Dem gains in council control were more than twice Labour's. In the main the abstainers were disgruntled Tories. Today, party allegiance is thin and volatile. Voters are blown hither and thither by winds of fashion. The solid vote for Labour has withered, and there never was one for the Lib Dems. Basically we are a conservative nation and the hard-core vote is strongest among Tories. The Conservatives might have lost Scotland, but the Scottish Nationalists are poised to seize Labour seats despite, or perhaps because of, Blair's promise of a separate assembly with the power to raise income tax above the levels elsewhere in the kingdom.

Labour's intention to establish regional parliaments without referendums in England and Wales, and the higher public spending associated with them, should be persistently exposed in Cabinet Ministers' speeches. Labour must be pressed systematically on its subservience, through acceptance of majority voting, to the edicts of the EU and on ever closer political union leading to the extinction of our parliamentary sovereignty, with British laws and judges' decisions reversed by alien courts. The cost in British jobs and international competitiveness of a Labour government ending our opt-out from the Social Chapter must be hammered repeatedly. So must the crippling of businesses, small and large, by a statutory minimum wage. And by how much will taxation be increased to meet Labour's promises to spend ever more on social security, education and other public services?

Blair pretends to have distanced himself from the unions. But the price he paid for union support for his hollow Clause Four victory is a pledge to reverse many of the union reforms and add new penalties for employers and employees. From day one, employees will have the same protection against dismissal as if they had been employed for two years. Employers will be bound by law to recognise unions as wage negotiators, whatever the wishes of the workforce, thus bringing back the closed shop preventing employment of any not in the union — an arrangement which blighted British industry for decades. However much he wriggles, Blair must dance to the tune of the unions, which pay four-fifths of Labour's income and have not forgotten that they created the Labour Party in 1900 to represent their interests, not the nation's.

Mr Major must put Labour on the spot by backing compulsory, unforgeable identity cards, carrying vital and voluminous information. Not only would crime be reduced, but around a million illegal immigrants in this country, many of whom are illicitly in jobs which should be filled by British nationals, could swiftly be rounded up and deported. Labour even opposed the DNA database and the obtaining of DNA samples, which enabled the arrest of 900 burglary suspects in one day last week.

There is unlimited ammunition to blow away Blair's camouflage of high-flown words. The enemy, whether allied to the Lib Dems or not, is ripe for destruction. For the Tories to win, the order must be attack, attack in unison, and attack again.

Double date

QUITE extraordinary behaviour by Helmut Kohl, the sizeable German Chancellor, on Saturday night after he had indulged in the VE-Day banquet at London's Guildhall with more than 50 other heads of state.

Six courses were consumed (see below) together with plenty of wine, after the speeches by the Queen and the Lord Mayor. But evidently all this was not enough to satisfy Herr Kohl. By 11.15pm he was queueing up for another dinner, at Sir Terence Conran's splendid eaterie Le Pont de la Tour, in the company of a diplomat.

"At first I didn't notice him because Sean Connery was there and all eyes were naturally on him," another guest reports. "Then someone pointed him out as he was tucking in. He's certainly a good trencherman."

An embarrassed restaurant manager forbore to reveal the exact specifications of Herr Kohl's second meal, but confirmed that the German Chancellor did, indeed, take full advantage of the three-course menu. But Le Pont's "modern European" cuisine may be more to Herr Kohl's taste than the traditional British fare served at Guildhall.

VE-DAY BANQUET MENU

Champagne
Lobster of the Western Approaches with a Julienne of English Asparagus and Nasturtium Flowers
Stoneleigh Chardonnay 1993

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Escalope of Poached Atlantic Turbot tied with ribbons of Scottish Smoked Salmon with Welsh Leek served with a watercress sauce

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Garden of England Sorbet

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Roast Beef of Old England
Yorkshire Pudding
Roast Jersey Royals
Carrot and Swede Purée
Runner Beans
Château Prieuré Lichine 1982 4 ème Cru Margaux

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Iced Soufflé of English Berries
Brown Brothers Orange Flora Muscat 1994

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Coffee
Petit Fours
Warres 1970
Delamaine 1963

● *The bronze statue of Sir Winston Churchill dominating the façade of the British embassy in Washington need not rely on lottery funds. American members of the English Speaking Union, who donated the work, keep a special supply of bronze cigars in case the present one wears out.*

Little Wren

NOT EVEN a quick intake of breath was needed when Richard Branson's mother, Eve, donned her wartime Wren's uniform yesterday. A one-time signaller, she laid a wreath on board a restored Royal Navy motor torpedo boat at Chichester in memory of Wrens killed in the war.

"I have kept my uniform and hat ever since my demob at Southsea in 1945 and I still fit into it quite easily," she boasted.

● *All the "old farts" furore proved to be great for the luxury makers, Aston Martin. They had lent Will Carling a beautiful new cherry red DB8 for the weekend, little realising that it would be snapped by hordes of photographers pursuing England's rugby captain.*

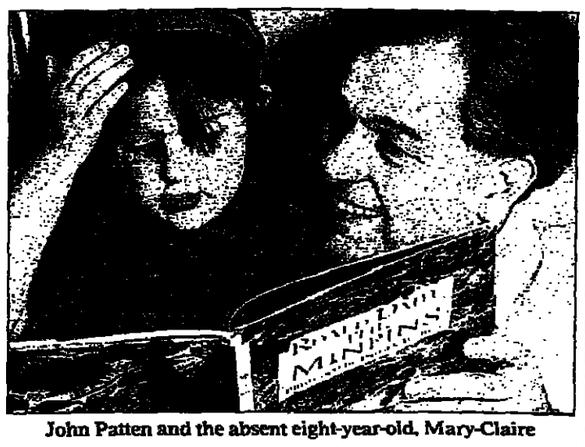
Following O.J.

LORD HOPE, Scotland's most senior judge and not a man renowned for sensationalism, has admitted he is addicted to the O.J. Simpson trial. His Lordship — of whom the late Sir Nicholas Fairbairn once remarked "to call him grey would be an insult to porridge" — introduced TV cameras to Scottish courtrooms.

"Courtroom technology in Scotland is in the era of the hot-air balloon in comparison to the O.J. Simpson courtroom," he says.

French leave

A HINT OF mystery hangs over Bernadette Chirac's reaction to her husband's elevation to the Elysée Palace. While news of his election victory seeped through on Sunday night, France's first couple whizzed around Paris in their shabby grey 1970 Citroën CX with little security, but pursued by a daredevil cameraman on a motorbike.



John Patten and the absent eight-year-old, Mary-Claire

"Suddenly the car screeched to a halt in the rue de Seine (on Paris's Left Bank)," my insider reports. "Bernadette got out, looking furious, slammed the door and evaporated into the night."

Spot of bother

THE guest of honour at John Patten's party tonight to launch his book *Things to Come: The Tories in the 21st Century* has cried off. She had purchased a new frock and even fashioned a short speech. But Mary-Claire Patten, eight, has chickenpox. "She is quite covered in spots," her distraught father explains. "My book is dedicated to her so she really was the most important guest." The text of Mary-Claire's speech was admirably straightforward, however. It read: "Please buy my daddy's book."

P·H·S

WHAT CHIRAC MEANS

Amid all the confusing promises, watch the economy

In victory, Jacques Chirac was unequivocal. "Our main battle has a name: the fight against unemployment." Before reaching any decision, he insisted, his ministers would "ask ourselves whether this will be good for employment". The conventional remedies, he said, had failed; new methods would have to be tried. When — and by implication, only when — France was free of the scourges of joblessness and "social exclusion" it would again be "the driving force of the European Union".

In Brussels, Bonn and Britain, analysts have been poring over candidate Chirac's sparse and often ambiguous campaign statements on the European Union for weeks, trying to guess which of them President Chirac would adhere to. So far they have only a Delphic answer. M Chirac's first foreign call will be on Helmut Kohl. So far, so familiar; but the prediction of Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, that "practically nothing will change" in the Franco-German relationship may not outlast this first substantive exchange.

M Chirac can be expected to embrace the Chancellor warmly and express his determination to develop a common strategy for next year's intergovernmental conference to review the Maastricht treaty. But, recalling his campaign promise to reinforce a "people's Europe", he will argue that Germany must realise that its federalist blueprints were almost as widely distrusted in France as in Britain. The implicit new bargain along the Franco-German axis would include French support for enlargement of the Union — but on condition of German readiness to accept that "Europe" can never displace the nation state.

M Chirac's version of European integration is instinctively populist; he promised a referendum on the 1996 conference only at the end of the campaign, but it is a promise he is likely to keep. One of his firmest and most consistent pledges is to ensure that Europe wins popular assent — through reforms giving more power to national parliaments over the Union's destiny, and more power over the European Commission for the ministers that voters elect. A "Europe of nations" is also a matter of political calculus: even with the campaign over, M Chirac cannot afford Cabinet splits over European policy in the first intensive phase of his bid to heal France's domestic divisions.

The second reshaping of Franco-German policy will concern monetary union. M Chirac has promised to keep "the rendezvous of 1999". But he will ask Germany to support him, as he challenges the financial orthodoxies of the French Establishment in order to stimulate the economy. Without questioning the goal of monetary union, he may argue that economic convergence, required by the Maastricht treaty, can no longer be pursued at the cost of fracturing France's social cohesion.

For more than a decade, France has shadowed the German mark: in the same period, French growth rates have fallen behind the EU average, while unemployment climbed steadily and without regard to cyclical fluctuations in the economy. Breaking that cycle, through a mix of fiscal reforms, deregulation and temporary employment incentives, could mean a patch of rough water for the franc. It makes sense for France to argue that convergence should be measured in broader terms than success in fixing the franc-mark parity — and that monetary union between an economy as strong as Germany's and a partner struggling with chronically inflated dole queues would impose such intolerable strains as to put the broad political goal of European integration at risk.

No French politician would be so crude as to pin "The economy, stupid!" to his office wall, as President Clinton's campaign team did in 1992. But M Chirac is, by French standards, a very American politician. As John Major tries to track what may otherwise seem the bewilderingly inconsistent European course set by France's new President when he hosts the European summit in Cannes next month, he could do worse than remember the Clinton slogan.

HER OWN VICTORY

A glorious weekend for the people and their Queen Mother

Celebrating fifty years of peace while commemorating a mighty but costly victory was always going to demand a special sensitivity. The Second World War cannot be encapsulated in two days of ceremony, nor emotions so distant and so varied be recaptured with fidelity. After the banality and clumsiness that marked the initial proposals for the D-Day commemorations, there were widespread fears that VE-Day would turn into a tasteless and synthetic carnival. In the event, it was a triumph: an occasion where the mixture of memories, emotions, hopes, symbolism and grandeur was judiciously balanced and blended.

The credit — like the credit for victory itself — must be shared by many. The organisers had clearly learnt the lessons of the D-Day commemorations: not a gesture was included without the consent and support of the veterans, not a bar of music or line of poetry without careful consideration of its import. The slightest carelessness in protocol could have given gratuitous offence to present and former allies. Lord Cranborne, the chairman of the D-Day ministerial steering committee who, at the last moment, rescued dignity from kitsch, again demonstrated his sure touch.

Credit also belongs to those of all generations who took part — the dancers, bandsmen, pilots, veterans and actors — who performed with precision and feeling. The laying of flowers at the great globe of peace engaged and brought together the visiting statesmen, provoking also touches of spontaneity from those who clasped the hands of the children leading them to the flower-laying.

There were some false notes: while Vera Lynn fully lived up to the old memories, the choice of Cliff Richard to hop and wave at Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother with "Congratulations" was bathetic. But the sun brought out the crowds, relaxed the mood and dissolved any lingering tensions over the inclusion of Germany and other nations which fought against the allies.

The focus, inevitably and rightly, was on the Royal Family as the embodiment of the nation's unity, identity and pride. On Sunday it was the Queen who was hostess to all the monarchs, presidents and prime ministers who came to Britain in recognition of this country's central role in achieving victory and laying the foundations for fifty years of peace in most of Europe. Yesterday, however, on the anniversary of VE-Day itself, it was for the Queen Mother that the vast crowds gathered outside Buckingham Palace. With the passing of the generation of wartime leaders, she remains a living link to those terrible times. Her courage and serenity then inspired the nation; her steadfast endurance now commands the love and respect of a generation not yet born when she came out on the balcony of Buckingham Palace in 1945. Churchill told the crowds then: "This is your victory." Yesterday it was hers.

ON TRACK

Privatisation could now be a real bonus for rail commuters

After months of hints that a major ideological shift on transport policy has taken place in the Cabinet, Brian Mawhinney is expected to announce officially this week that commuter rail fares will be capped. Limits on ticket prices will apply both to services that continue under the aegis of British Rail and to the new privatised service providers. To ensure that prices do not rise above socially acceptable or economically justifiable levels, the Government envisages a statutory formula. Fare types will be sorted into groups, each with a specific baseline related to the Retail Price Index. Rises will be permitted to match the RPI for an initial period, after which they will be held to 1 per cent below the rate of inflation.

For many rail travellers, the cost of commuting is expected to fall in real terms by early 1996. Such strict controls on fares would mean that the new privatised franchise holders would either have to operate at the level of efficiency undreamt of by the most optimistic BR managers or that they will continue to depend on public subsidy.

This price-cutting policy on commuter train fares is consistent with the Government's tacit repudiation of its earlier political preference for private over public transport. The decision to cut back spending on new roads was clearly a breach with the long-standing Conservative commitment to the ascendancy of the private car. At a time when levels of air pollution are becoming increasingly alarming and more and more cities are attempting to limit the use of cars, such a change of heart is very welcome.

Transporting vast numbers of people from outlying suburbs to work in city centres is most efficiently done by a well maintained and competently-run railway. The nationalised railway industry has been discredited by trade union restrictive practises and an unproductive reliance on taxpayers' money. By dictating ticket prices, the Department of Transport can claim that it is enforcing efficiency. Having shown itself ready to accept the argument that building more roads simply attracts more traffic, the Government may now discover the corollary: that a cheaper and more efficient rail service will attract more passengers, which will in turn make the railways more economically viable.

By announcing its fare-capping rules in advance of any lines being sold, however, the Government is usurping the function of an industry regulator. This further confuses an already less than coherent privatisation. It is clearly hoping to allay the fears of rail commuters that privatisation will force up travel costs. But the message that is really being sent is far more politically significant. It is tantamount to an acknowledgment that commuter rail services cannot be run effectively without public subsidy. This is good news both for commuters and for Britain; the country requires an effective infrastructure to prosper. But if John Major's Government is prepared to accept that there will be an indefinite need for rail subsidy, it would do well to embrace that view openly, rather than appear to maintain a half-hearted reluctance to support public transport.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Getting the best from teachers

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers

Sir, It is sad to see facts being ignored when a valid argument is being presented (leading article, May 3).

A full reading of the HMI reports by the Office for Standards in Education shows that "10 to 15 per cent of schools suffer from insufficient stocks of books, both quantitatively and in range".

In primary schools it points out that "few of the schools have teachers who had studied mathematics beyond the minimum professional requirement of their initial training qualifications". It emphasises that while some had benefited from in-service training, the majority had not.

This shortage of resources and lack of provision of in-service training have been highlighted in research carried out by Coopers & Lybrand for this union. It identified the need for government investment in resources and training if the national curriculum was to be introduced effectively. In-service training, like books, costs money both to provide and to ensure supply teachers are recruited to cover the absence of a teacher on a course.

You are right: "Appraisal must acknowledge strengths, diagnose failures and lead to action where it is necessary." That action must be to develop strengths and overcome weakness. Sadly, the Government has cut the funding for the in-service training demands arising from appraisal.

If schools and teachers are given the necessary support, if schools are inspected fairly and constructively, if appraisal is accompanied by the resources for in-service provision, and then teachers are identified as incompetent, there is no place for them in the teaching profession.

Yours sincerely,
DOUG McAVOY,
General Secretary,
National Union of Teachers,
Hamilton House,
Mabledon Place, WC1.
May 3.

From Mr M. G. Fischer

Sir, I have much sympathy with today's leader. However, last week's *Times Educational Supplement* had 230 pages of advertisements for teachers.

Some head teachers faced with the need to find an assistant to stand before a class of 30 pupils cannot afford the luxury of searching overlong for a good teacher, with an excellent command of the subjects to be taught, who has jettisoned outdated educational doctrine and woolly ideology and dresses as a professional. They have to take on the best that are available at the time.

The rooting out of mediocre teaching will take longer than you think.

Yours respectfully,
M. G. FISCHER
(Head Teacher),
St Mary's C/E Primary School,
Laureston Place, Dover, Kent.
May 3.

Classroom costs

From Mr Mike Stephens

Sir, The leader of Birmingham City Council (letter, May 3) advises Woodrow Wyatt to seek the views of classroom teachers on whether or not the employment of a "behaviour support officer" is a waste of money. It would surely be more interesting and relevant to ask taxpayers for their view on such expenditure.

Yours faithfully,
M. STEPHENS,
9 Harvey Close, Norwich, Norfolk.

Industry beckons

From Mr I. D. Bruce

Sir, Next year will be the tenth anniversary of the launch of Industry Year 1986 by Sir Geoffrey Chandler and the Royal Society for the Arts. This highly successful initiative was vigorously taken up at the time and helped to promote the importance of industry to us all, both nationally and in local communities. Much was done to enhance the confidence and pride of people at work in industry in the value of their jobs.

Since then industrial performance and competitiveness has made enormous strides, as demonstrated by export performance, customer service and quality. There is a real success story to shout about.

However, neither the internal esteem generated in Industry Year, nor our recent industrial successes, have yet been matched by the attraction into industry of sufficient of the best of our young people.

Too many still seek to join the legal or accountancy professions, stay in the academic world or go into government work. Worthy activities though these may be, they are not going to bring home the bacon for the UK in the next century.

How can we generate the social prestige which ought to be associated with a successful and effective industrial career?

Yours faithfully,
I. D. BRUCE,
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Hartford, Northwich, Cheshire.

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Population control 'interference'

From Mr David Alton, MP for Liverpool Mossley Hill (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, The Duke of Edinburgh proposes that we should "interfere" to remedy alleged imbalances created by humanity through growing population (report, May 1).

People in developing countries have had more than enough interference in their lives under population control programmes fuelled by the kind of approach that the Duke is endorsing. Interference leads to coercion and to an appalling abuse of human rights.

Her Majesty's Government continues to pour taxpayers' money into the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the United Nations Population Fund which, in turn, provide backing for China's infamous programmes of forced abortion and forced sterilisation.

It is also a tragic paradox that the United Kingdom can help to fund a contraceptive activist for every village in Bangladesh but cannot fund even basic health care in the same villages. Poverty, not population, is the issue. If the Duke studies Irish history he will note that family size reduces with prosperity.

Concern for wildlife and the planet too often leads to calls for population control which involve a total lack of respect for the families targeted by government "family planning" programmes.

The Duke should also consider evidence which I recently submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment of damage to water, marine life and humans from contraceptive by-products which pollute our domestic water supplies and subsequently reduce male fertility and feminise those contaminated.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ALTON,
House of Commons.

Churchill papers

From Professor Emeritus Nicholas Kurti, FRS

Sir, The Contemporary Scientific Archives Centre in Oxford, established in 1973 under the auspices of the Joint Royal Society/Historical Manuscripts Commission Committee, chaired at the time by me, and its successor the National Cataloguing Unit for the Archives of Contemporary Scientists in Bath, catalogued and deposited in archives in this country the papers of nearly 200 scientists and engineers.

Many of them were active in public life, some were Nobel laureates and not a few of those collections would have found ready buyers on international markets. To the best of my knowledge they were all generously *given* to the respective archives [letters, April 28, 29, May 3, 8].

Yours faithfully,
N. KURTI,
Brasenose College, Oxford.
May 3.

From Mr Michael Worth

Sir, When the British Museum was established over two hundred years ago, the majority of books, manuscripts and pamphlets, already existing in major private collections, were not in fact given. The collection of Sir Hans Sloane, which formed the greatest part, was offered for sale to the nation after his death, for £20,000. The Government of the day raised the sum required by setting up a public lottery.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WORTH,
41 Wolds Drive,
Keyworth, Nottingham.
May 3.

From Mr Neil Benson

Sir, The Director General of the Imperial War Museum (letter, May 3) refers to the original German surrender document that Field Marshal Montgomery donated to the museum. You reported this in 1968. I wondered how he was allowed to keep the document. I wrote to him on October 10, 1968, to ask him. He returned my letter two days later with the following reply endorsed thereon: "There is no mystery. I was ordered to send it to Supreme HQ. I refused! It was quite simple."

Yours faithfully,
NEIL BENSON,
Coombe Cottage, 8 High Road,
Wilmington, Dartford, Kent.
May 3.

Highland sleeper

From Mr Peter Carter-Ruck

Sir, The condemnation by Scottish peers of the threatened closure of the West Highland sleeper services (report, March 28) and the fears of the overwhelming majority of the public that privatisation will lead to truncated and reduced services on the railways would appear to be fully justified, but even more serious is the deceit to which we are now being subjected by British Rail (report, May 6).

The public were informed on April 11 that the Rail Regulator, John Swift, QC, had given an assurance that the future of the sleeper and Motorail services in Scotland would not be a mere formality.

If this were true, why, when I sought to book first-class sleepers to Fort William for two occasions in June, was I informed that the sleeper service "did not exist" (*sic*) after the end of May?

The only service I was offered, after that time, was to travel from Euston to Glasgow, arriving there at 06.40 to offload with my luggage and transfer to another station in Glasgow, leaving there at 08.12 to arrive at Fort William over three hours later than the time of arrival on the sleeper service.

The alternative is further to congest the roads and add to pollution and inevitable stress. It seems that the findings of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution (reports, October 29, 1994) — "The reign of the car must end" — are to be brushed aside and our great railway system eroded and mutilated in pursuance of the dogma of privatisation.

Yours faithfully,
PETER F. CARTER-RUCK,
75 Shoe Lane, EC4.

Identity cards

From Mr Arthur S. Pook

Sir, I cannot agree with Mr David Amess, MP, about religious information on identity cards (letter, May 3; other letters, April 29, 28, May 4).

Not the least important function of an identity card is to provide important information when the bearer is unconscious or otherwise incapable of giving it. On being admitted to hospital, one of the first questions asked is, "What is your religion?". Having it on an identity card might make all the difference to a dying patient.

Yours faithfully,
A. S. POOK,
5 Dundeugh Village,
St John's Town of Dalry,
Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire.

From Mr Colin Garrett

Sir, Last autumn I renewed my Connecticut driving licence. On it appear my licence number, the date of expiry, the class of vehicles I may drive, my name, address, date of birth, the issue date, my sex, the colour of eyes, height, photograph (twice) and my signature. All this on a piece of plastic the size of a credit card.

Bearing in mind the number of useless plastic cards that people carry around these days, the addition of an identity card should not be a problem.

Yours truly,
COLIN GARRETT,
17 North Road,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Robert Robinson

Sir, Mr Bernard Hayman (letter, May 3) invites those who object to identity cards to say why. My answer is that I am under no obligation to identify myself to Mr Hayman or anyone else unless I see fit.

But if identification is to rest on the production of the right card, then the company I am about to set up will supply Mr Hayman, or anyone else, with one, indistinguishable from the real thing, and at the keenest rates.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT ROBINSON,
16 Cheyne Row, SW3.

Carry-on luggage

From Mrs Rosemary Stevens

Sir, I read with interest Laurence Rostron's letter (April 29) about new restrictions on the weight of carry-on luggage. I too would welcome any arrangements that would reduce check-in times. But I would also welcome tighter regulations on the amount, as well as the weight, of carry-on luggage.

I don't consider two oversized bags and one of those plastic suitbags (a euphemism for a portable wardrobe) to be, in any way, cabin luggage. I have seen businessmen struggling on board with this amount of carry-on luggage — and, of course, taking up more than their entitled share of space in the overhead lockers.

If he has to bring his lap-top computer, calculator, mobile phone, etc, into the cabin, the businessman can jolly well put his clothes and toiletries in a case in the hold, where the rest of us put our luggage, and perhaps I can put *my* regulation-size cabin bag in the locker above *my* seat.

Yours sincerely,
ROSEMARY STEVENS,
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Ruislip, Middlesex.
May 2.

From Mr L. F. E. Fitzpatrick-Robertson

Sir, Some time in the 1980s, I boarded an Australia-bound aircraft with a crombie overcoat nonchalantly draped over my arm. The sole reason for taking such a superfluous item to an Adelaide summer was to transfer two lead-weighted Sheffield plate candlesticks to relatives. On their own they would probably have exceeded the hold baggage weight allowance.

Perhaps it is now time for some enterprising manufacturer to produce a garment which can be worn without exciting notice, but which could carry essential items in excess of the new 6 kg cabin baggage limit.

Yours faithfully,
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Homosexuality in Armed Services

From Mr M. J. Burrows

Sir, Major-General Jeapes argues (letter, April 29) that homosexuals should not be allowed in the Army lest soldiers lose trust in their mates.

In the Army unit in which I served I would have trusted 10 per cent of my companions with my life. Another 10 per cent I would not have trusted as far as I could throw them. The remainder of the unit ranged themselves in between. Trust is not solely related to sexual polarisation.

General Jeapes is concerned that lovers will develop links that are prejudicial to good order and military discipline. Strong links have often developed between heterosexual soldiers, many of whom have been decorated for the commitment they have shown to their mates who have sustained wounds under fire.

But all this is by the way. Britain is a signatory to the European Convention on Human Rights. The court set up under this agreement is likely, in the near future, to rule that our Armed Forces discriminate against homosexuals. Once more we are likely to be treated to the spectacle of large amounts of the taxpayers' money being paid out — as when the European court ruled that there was discrimination against pregnant women when they were dismissed.

The Armed Services must modify their attitudes before there is another substantial drain on defence funds in favour of litigants.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. BURROWS,
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Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire.
May 1.

From Mr Peter Tatchell

Sir, For many of us in the lesbian and gay community, the VE-Day celebrations have been tinged with sorrow. Many thousands of homosexual and bisexual people enlisted in the Armed Forces to help defend freedom against Nazism. But it was a freedom they were never allowed to share.

Twenty-two years passed before the partial decriminalisation of male homosexuality in 1967. But as an added insult to those who had risked their lives fighting Nazism, this excluded members of the Armed Forces.

It was almost 50 years after the end of the Second World War before lesbian and gay Service personnel ceased to be courtmartialled and imprisoned.

The most fitting tribute to the sacrifices of homosexual soldiers from 1939-45 would have been for the Ministry of Defence to rescind the ban on lesbians and gays in the military.

Yours etc,
PETER TATCHELL,
45 Arrol House,
Rockingham Street, SE1.

From Professor J. F. Lazenby

Sir, Whatever the force of the rest of his argument, Major-General Jeapes cannot be allowed to get away with the sweeping assertion that "homosexuals can have no place in . . . a fighting Army".

Homosexuality was positively encouraged among Spartan soldiers, and it can hardly be denied that theirs was "a fighting army"; as for the Theban Sacred Band, supposedly composed of homosexual pairs, their heroism is said to have won the admiration of even their conqueror, at Chaironeia.

Yours faithfully,
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May 2.

Abolishing TV licence

From Captain M. C. Calder (retd)

Sir, I wonder how many of your readers realise that, as far as I can ascertain, we are the last English-speaking nation to be imposed upon by a tax on television by way of a licence.

Australia abolished TV licences more than a decade ago — despite the enormous cost of covering that massive island continent with repeater stations. No TV licence is required in America or Canada. Where does the money go?

Politicians on five-figure salaries seem to assume that the cost of a colour TV licence being substantially more than a week's state pension is a mere triviality, whereas to thousands of pensioners it most definitely is not.

I call upon the Government to pass similar legislation, initially in favour of senior citizens.

Yours sincerely,
M. C. CALDER,
17 Charles Road, Holt, Norfolk.
May 4.

Computer language

From the Reverend Terence Lee

Sir, A friend lent me a computer some weeks ago and now I understand something of purgatory. If it could record my monologue I could be unfrocked. At least I know why the arrow which zooms round the screen is called a cursor, if misspelt.

Yours in cyberspace,
TERRY LEE,
45 Christchurch Road,
Reading, Berkshire.
May 5.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 8: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, subsequently joined by The Queen and The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, appeared on the Balcony at Buckingham Palace this afternoon for a Concert in the Forecourt to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the End of the war in Europe.

Their Majesties and Her Royal Highness witnessed a fly-past by aircraft from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and the Red Arrows, followed by a display of Fireworks from the roof of Buckingham Palace.

The Queen and The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, subsequently met veterans and young people in the Forecourt.

This evening in Hyde Park, The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, The Princess Royal and Commander Timothy Laurence RN, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, and The Duke and Duchess of Kent, lit the first of a chain of Beacons throughout the United Kingdom to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the End of War in Europe and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall KG) and the Lord Wakeham (Lord Privy Seal).

After attending a Concert, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness met those concerned with organising the commemorative ceremonies.

The Lady Farnham, Sir Kenneth Scott and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh represented The Queen at the Service of Remembrance to commemorate VE-Day at the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, France, this morning.

His Royal Highness arrived at London City Airport this afternoon.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 8: The Duke of York this morning attended a Service at the Church of Ireland Cemetery, Limavady, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Londonderry (Colonel Sir Michael McCorkell).

His Royal Highness afterwards undertook engagements in Portrush and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Antrim (the Lord O'Neill).

The Duke of York later carried out engagements in Coleraine.

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Reception and Luncheon at Bangor Castle and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Down (Colonel William Brownlow).

The Duke of York afterwards visited Donaghadee and Ballyhalbert, County Down.

His Royal Highness later presented the prizes at Craigavon Council's Family Day in Lurgan Park and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Armagh (the Earl of Caledon).

The Duke of York this evening attended a Reception given by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland at Hillsborough Castle.

His Royal Highness afterwards lit the Hillsborough Beacon at the Marquis of Downshire's Monument.

The Duke of York later arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Northern Ireland.

The Rt Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew MP (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland), Captain Neil Blair RN, Major Elizabeth Towell and Captain David Thompson were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 8: The Princess Royal, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, today attended a Service and Reception in St Giles' Cathedral, Parliament Square, Edinburgh, to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the End of the War in Europe and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 8: The Prince of Wales this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving in Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the End of War in Europe.

His Royal Highness later attended a Luncheon given by the Secretary of State for Wales (the Rt Hon John Redwood MP) at the Mansion House, Cardiff.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended a Fete organised by the Royal British Legion at the Cliff Walk, Penarth.

Dr Manon Williams was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, this evening attended a Concert "Live for Peace" at the London Coliseum, London WC2, to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the End of War in Europe.

Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 8: The Princess of Wales, Vice-President, British Red Cross Society, and Patron, British Red Cross Youth and 125th Birthday Appeal, this evening attended Pavarotti Plus at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

Viscountess Campden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 8: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended a Reception for Veterans to commemorate VE-Day, Veterans' Centre, Hyde Park, London W1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 8: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this afternoon arrived at RAF Northolt from Norway.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Richard Adams, author, 75; Mr Alan Bennett, dramatist, 61; the Right Rev C.W.J. Bowles, former Bishop of Derby, 79; Miss Nina Campbell, interior designer, 50; Dr John Cook, director, Inner Cities Young People's Project, 55; Sir Robin Cooke, president, Court of Appeal of New Zealand, 69; Mr Terry Downes, boxer, 59; Mr Albert Finney, actor, 59; Mr Carlo Maria Giulini, conductor, 81; Mr Pancho Gonzales, tennis player, 67; Dr Douglas Guest, organist emeritus, Westminster Abbey, 79; Vice-Admiral Sir John Hayes, former Lord Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty, Skye and Lochalsh, 82; Sir Geoffrey Holland, civil servant, 57; Mr Richard Houghton, racehorse trainer, 55; Miss Glenda Jackson, MP, and actress, 59; Mr Billy Joel, singer, 46; Sir Francis Kennedy, diplomat, 69; General Sir Peter Leng, 70; Lord Lloyd of Berwick, 66; Mr Gavin Lyall, author, 63; Lord Justice MacDermott, 68; Miss Geraldine McEwan, actress, 63; Professor Alistair MacFarlane, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University, 64; Mr Brian McMaster, director, Edinburgh Festival, 52; Sir Philip Mansfield, diplomat, 69; Mr Bill Olner, MP, 53; Sir David Plastow, chairman, Inchcape, 63; Dr Bernard Rose, organist, 79; Mr Patrick Ryecart, actor, 43; Mr V.L. Sankey, chief executive, Reckitt and Colman, 46; Admiral Sir Victor Smith, 82.

St Mary's School, Shaftesbury

This year the school will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its foundation at Shaftesbury. Special events will include a celebratory Mass, an Anniversary Reception, a special Old Girls' Day and a Birthday Party for current pupils. Further details are available from Mrs Sally Awdry at the school on 01747 852416.

The Prince of Wales will unveil this bronze sculpture by Philip Jackson in St Helier today to mark the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Jersey. The sculpture shows seven figures at the moment of liberation releasing a giant flag into the air

University news

Manchester
Ian Granville Thompson, Professorial Fellow at Merton College and Secretary to the Chest at the University of Oxford, to be Director of Finance from a date to be arranged.

Mel Ainscow, Tutor in Special Educational Needs at the University of Cambridge, to be Professor of Special Needs and Educational Psychology from September 1, 1995.

Andrew James Michael Boulton, Reader in Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology, to be Professor of Medicine from a date to be arranged.

Paul Nelson Durrington, Reader in Medicine, to be Professor of Medicine from a date to be arranged.

Dr Carl Raymond Whitehouse, Senior Lecturer in General Practice, to be Professor of Teaching Medicine in the Community (in the Department of General Practice) from a date to be arranged.

Dr David A Anderson, to be Honorary Visiting Professor of Medicine and Clinical Endocrinology for three years from April 1, 1995.

Readerships
The following Senior Lecturers to be Readers in the subject named, from April 1995:

Dr D J Adams, French; Dr M E Boulton: Ophthalmology (in the Department of Ophthalmology and in the school of Biological Sciences); Dr I W A Browne, Radio-Astronomy (in the Department of Physics and Astronomy); Dr G M Cleator, Medical Virology (in the Department of Pathological Sciences); Dr W H Craig, Civil Engineering; Dr J R E Davis, Medicine; Dr M J Dixon, Dental Genetics (in the School of Biological Sciences); Dr S W D'Souza, Child Heath; Dr J L Durrell, Physics; Dr N T Duxbury, Law; Dr J H Harwood, Science and Technology Policy; Dr J F Healey, Semitic Studies (in the Department of Middle Eastern Studies); Dr N J Higham, History; Dr G C King, Physics; Ms Kee Kok Lee, Philosophy; Dr D H J Morgan, Sociology; Dr F E Mabbs, Inorganic Chemistry; Dr J A Peck (from October 1, 1995) Geography; Dr Alan Pedlar, Radio-Astronomy (in the Department of Physics and Astronomy); Dr H I Steiner, Political Philosophy; Dr R W Thomas, Geography; Dr R I Thomson, History of Art; Dr Anne White, Clinical Biochemistry (in the Department of Medicine and in the School of Biological Sciences); Dr R M W Woods, Mathematics.

Council has granted the title of Reader to the following Senior Research Fellows from April 1, 1995:

Dr Francesca Bray, Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine; Dr R J Cooter, Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine.

Council has appointed the following Honorary Lecturers as Honorary Readers in the subject indicated from April 1, 1995:

Dr T D Allen, Cellular Ultrastructure in the School of Biological Sciences (*in lieu* of the Department of Oncology); Dr J R Arrand, Molecular Biology in the Department of Oncology; Dr K E Kadler, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (and Wellcome Senior Research Fellow) in the School of Biological Sciences; Dr P J O'Connor, Carcinogenesis in the Department of Oncology.

Council has appointed the following Honorary Clinical Lecturers as Honorary Readers in the subject indicated from April 1, 1995:

Dr Martin Harris, Pathology; Dr P S Hasleton, Histopathology.

Appointments
Lecturer in Law: Tamara K Hervey, J R Murphy.

Lecturer in Molecular Pathology in the Department of Medicine: Judith Hoyland.

Lecturer in Restorative Dentistry in the Department of Dental Medicine and Surgery: Jacqueline A James.

Lecturer in Computational Chemistry: Dr Neil Anthony Burton.

Finance Officer in the Office of the Dean of Postgraduate Medical Studies: Charlotte C Hay.

Administrative Assistant in the Registrar and Secretary's Department: Mrs Annette Miller.

Armed forces honours and awards

The following have been awarded armed forces operational honours and awards:

Northern Ireland

CBE
Brigadier Anthony Malcolm Douglas Palmer, late Royal Green Jackets, London: Colonel David John Ross, late Royal Welch Fusiliers, Surrey.

OBE
Lieutenant Colonel Roger Martin Brunt, Royal Anglian Regiment, Essex: Lieutenant Colonel Peter John Bryant, Adjutant General's Corps (ALS), Hampshire: Lieutenant Colonel Anthony John Faith, Royal Regiment of Artillery, Somerset: Colonel Adrian Robert Freer, late Parachute Regiment, N Yorkshire: Lieutenant Colonel David Husband, Army Air Corps, Cleveland: Lieutenant Colonel Mark Lucian Jackson, Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, Hants: Lieutenant Colonel Charles Lyle Le Gallais, Royal Corps of Signals, London: Colonel Andrew Charles Mantell, late Royal Engineers, Germany: Colonel Anthony Arthur Milton, Royal Marines, Devon: Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Corran Richard Brooke Purdon, Welsh Guards, Middlesex.

MBE
Captain Colin John Alexander Beddon, Royal Marines, Hampshire: Warrant Officer Class 1 Alexander Brown, Parachute Regiment, London: Lieutenant Colonel James Jeffrey Corfield Bucknall, Coldstream Guards, Dorset: Corporal Lesley Ennis, Adjutant General's Corps (SPS), Edinburgh: Major David Raymond Evans, Welsh Guards, Shropshire: Captain Beatrice Elizabeth Victoria Ferguson, Royal Irish Regiment, N Ireland: Colour Sergeant James Arthur Gedney, Parachute Regiment, London: Squadron Leader Peter Wayne Gregory, RAF, Warwickshire: Major Kevin Thomas Haugh, Royal Gloucestershire Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment, Hants: Captain Michael William Jenks, Royal Engineers, Essex: Major Philip David Jones, Royal Anglian Regiment, Essex: Major Andrew Charles Peter Kennett, Parachute Regiment, Hants: Colour Sergeant Andrew Hutchinson Kerr, Royal Irish Regiment, N Ireland: Lieutenant Anthony Edward McClelland, Small Arms School Corps, Hong Kong: Major Paul Hugh Kevin Miller, REME, Wiltshire: Warrant Officer Class 1 Anthony Murphy, Royal Irish Regiment, N Ireland: Lieutenant Colonel David John Owen, Royal Logistic Corps, Surrey: Major Antony William Phillips, Royal Logistic Corps, Yorkshire: Major Paul David Raby, Royal Logistic Corps, Surrey: Major Marcus Robert Ronayne Ramirez, Parachute Regiment, Oxfordshire: Lieutenant Colonel Peter Clifton Roberts, Army Air Corps, Hampshire: Warrant Office Class 2 Nicholas Trevor Stirk, Royal Corps of Signals, Dorset: Major Jesse Ronald Wrenbury Thomas, Royal Irish Regiment, N Ireland: Warrant Officer Class 2 Stephen George Whitfield, King's Own Royal Border Regiment, Cumberland: Lieutenant Colonel John David Wootton, Royal Engineers, Wiltshire.

DSO
Lieutenant Colonel John Cooper, King's Own Scottish Borderers, Edinburgh.

DFC
Flight Lieutenant Gavin John Dobson, RAF, Shropshire.

GM
Warrant Officer Class 1 Nicholas Bjerregaard Thomsen, Royal Logistic Corps, Oxfordshire.

QGM
Warrant Officer Class 2 Kevin Connelly, Welsh Guards, Wiltshire: Colour Sergeant Alan Wilfred Hartland, Parachute Regiment, London: Sergeant Kevin James Smith, Parachute Regiment, London: Sergeant Steven Thompson, Royal Marines, Devon.

MID
Staff Sergeant Michael Abbott, Royal Regiment of Artillery, Germany: Sergeant Peter Frederick Baker, Staffordshire Regiment, Isle of Bute: Captain Simon John Ravenscroft Browne, Royal Anglian Regiment, Essex: Lieutenant Colonel Thomas James Camp, Royal Regiment of Artillery, Surrey: Captain Keith Clapson, Royal Marines, Devon: Sergeant Sean Dolan, Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, Hampshire: Major Andrew William Field, Worcester and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, Worcestershire: Major Andrew Timothy David Jackson, Parachute Regiment, Wiltshire: Lance Bombardier David Thomas Johnson, Royal Regiment of Artillery, Cleveland: Private Jason Christopher King, King's Own Scottish Borderers, Edinburgh: Warrant Officer Class 2 Andrew David Kittsen, Royal Regiment of Artillery, Wiltshire: Sergeant Edward Joseph McAuley, King's Own Scottish Borderers, Edinburgh: Private Christopher Thomas Merrin, Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, Hampshire: Captain Jeremy Victor Morgan, Army Air Corps, Mid Glamorgan: Corporal Steven Morris, Royal Engineers, Hampshire: Sergeant Peter Robert Myers, Parachute Regiment, Staffordshire: Lance Corporal Alan Samuel Toman, King's Own Scottish Borderers, Edinburgh.

QCB
Warrant Officer Class 2 Nigel John Barnett, Royal Corps of Signals, London: Acting Leading Marine Engineering Mechanic (L) Shaun Winston Borrett, Royal Navy, Somerset: Staff Sergeant Steven Clark, Royal Corps of Signals, Kent: Warrant Officer Class 1 David John Fordyce, Royal Logistic Corps, Cumbria: Warrant Officer Class 2 Colin George Hole, Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, London: Captain George Alexander John Macintosh, Welsh Guards, Cambridgeshire: Lieutenant Colonel Hugh David McCormack, Royal Logistic Corps, Oxfordshire: Warrant Officer Class 2 Kenneth Moore, King's Own Royal Border Regiment, Cumbria: Corporal Gaynor Elizabeth Claire O'Dowd, Intelligence Corps, Wiltshire: Sergeant Simon John Prince, Queen's Dragoon Guards, London: Staff Sergeant Alasdair Rae Smith, Royal Logistic Corps, Middlesex: Private Brendan Trevor Smith, Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, Hampshire, Captain Stephen John Taylor, Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, Kent.

QVCS
Major Richard Allen (Posthumous), Royal Gloucestershire Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment, not known: Major Lawrence Ashbridge, Parachute Regiment, Glasgow: Colonel Christopher John Blies (Posthumous), late Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, Dorset: Warrant Officer Class 2 Richard John Campbell, Royal Irish Regiment, N Ireland: Warrant Officer Class 2 Joseph Jenkins Carmichael, Royal Irish Regiment, N Ireland: Colour Sergeant Nigel Ronald Clarke, Royal Marines, N Ireland: Lieutenant Colonel Michael John Cooper, Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, Sussex: Warrant Officer Class 2 Hugh Docherty, King's Own Scottish Borderers, Edinburgh: Major Christopher John Dockerty (Posthumous), Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire, not known: Flight Lieutenant Edwin Frank Dyson, RAF Regiment, Suffolk: Major David Peart Frankland, Royal Logistic Corps, Yorkshire: Lieutenant Colonel Richard Lawrence Gregory-Smith (Posthumous), Intelligence Corps, Surrey: The Rev Roger John Hall, Royal Army Chaplains' Department, Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Major Geoffrey Edward Hayter, Adjutant General's Corps (SPS), Devon: Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Philip Hodder, Royal Engineers, Surrey: Major Peter Derek Hogg, King's Own Scottish Borderers, Edinburgh: Lieutenant Justin Sefton Holt, Royal Marines, Dorset: Major Anthony Robert Hornby (Posthumous), Queen's Lancashire Regiment, Lancashire: Warrant Officer Class 1 Brian William Irvine, King's Own Scottish Borderers, Edinburgh: Sergeant Mark Andrew Jenkins, Royal Engineers, Oxfordshire: Corporal Matthew McGowan Kennedy, Parachute Regiment, Morayshire: Major Andrew Douglas Mackay, King's Own Scottish Borderers, Powys: Petty Officer (Seaman), Alistair Macquarrie, Royal Navy, Fife: Sergeant William Peter McMurray, Adjutant General's Corps (PRO), East Lothian: Chief Petty Officer Air Engineering Artificer (WE) Robin Dale Price (to be dated November 22 1994), Royal Navy, Somerset: Major Roy Pugh MBE, Intelligence Corps (Posthumous), not known: Major Peter John Wreford Roderick, Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, Hampshire: The Rev Peter Marshall Rutherford, Royal Army Chaplains' Department, Surrey: Major Nicholas Sharples, Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, Kent: Warrant Officer Class 2 Nigel James Southam, Intelligence Corps, Cyprus: Major Gary Paul Sparks (Posthumous), Royal Regiment of Artillery, Surrey: Squadron Leader Michael Friskney Stangroom, RAF, Oxfordshire: Major Mohammed Omar Usman, Royal Logistic Corps, Pakistan: Squadron Leader Jonathan Michael Leclerq Webb, RAF, Oxfordshire: Lieutenant Colonel George Victor Alexander Williams, Intelligence Corps (Posthumous), N Ireland: Corporal Thomas Trelford Withers, The Royal Irish Regiment (Posthumous), N Ireland.

Former Republic of Yugoslavia

CBE
Brigadier Roy Elliot Ratazzi, late Royal Corps of Transport, Wiltshire: Brigadier Andrew Peter Ridgway, late Royal Tank Regiment, London.

OBE
Lieutenant Colonel David Robin Burns, Royal Engineers, Kent: Colonel James Averell Daniell, late Royal Green Jackets, Hampshire: Group Captain Andrew David Sweetman, RAF, London.

MBE
Corporal Stephen Lister, Royal Logistic Corps, Wiltshire: the Rev Duncan James Morrison Pollock, Royal Army Chaplains' Department, Bristol: Lieutenant Commander Frederick Earle Francis Price, Royal Navy, London: Captain Ian Sinclair, Royal Engineers, Dumfries and Galloway: Sergeant Nigel Edwin Tully, Royal Engineers, Cambridgeshire: Major Alasdair John Campbell Wild, Royal Anglian Regiment, Suffolk.

DSO
Lieutenant General Sir Hugh Michael Rose, late Coldstream Guards, Wiltshire: Lieutenant Colonel David Manuel Santa-Olalla, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Surrey.

CGC
Corporal Wayne Kevin Mills, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wiltshire.

MC
Colour Sergeant Gary Stanley Cryer, Parachute Regiment, London: Corporal Andrew James Rainey, Royal Anglian Regiment, Lincolnshire.

MID
Major Nicholas George Borwell, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wiltshire: Major Duncan Scott Bruce, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wiltshire: Sergeant Sean Caine, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wiltshire: Lance Corporal Carl Chambers, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wiltshire: Corporal Neil Robert Farrell, Royal Army Medical Corps, Hampshire: Colonel John Chalmers McColl, late Royal Anglian Regiment, Lincolnshire: Lance Corporal Liam Patrick Seviour, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Lancashire.

QCB
Corporal Mark David Hughes, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wiltshire: Major Richard Justin Kemp, Royal Anglian Regiment, Essex: Staff Sergeant Brian Thomas Kerr, Royal Army Medical Corps, Hampshire: Lieutenant Jonathan Neil Mitchell, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Yorkshire: Lance Corporal Shaun Peter Ollerton, Royal Anglian Regiment, Leicestershire: Corporal Keith Harry Prescott, Royal Engineers, Cambridgeshire: Colour Sergeant Dale Andrew Robinson, Royal Anglian Regiment, Lincolnshire: Lance Corporal Alan John Walker, Royal Logistic Corps, Liverpool.

QCVS
Sergeant Patrick John Brennan, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wiltshire: Captain Simon David Etherington, Royal Anglian Regiment, London: Major Robert Leslie Ferguson, Royal Logistic Corps, Nottinghamshire: Captain Nigel Bryce Fraser, Royal Army Medical Corps, Hampshire: Lieutenant Stuart Thomas Gillespie, Royal Corps of Signals, Hampshire: Captain Paul Stewart Leslie, Royal Anglian Regiment, Liverpool: Corporal David McBlain, Royal Engineers, Hampshire: Lieutenant Colonel Simon Leslie Porter, Royal Anglian Regiment, Essex: Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Michael Steirn, Royal Logistic Corps, Dorset: Sapper Andrew Alan Taylor, Royal Engineers, Durham.

Rwanda

OBE
Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hawley, Royal Army Medical Corps, Hampshire: Lieutenant Colonel Michael James Wharmby, Royal Logistic Corps, London.

MBE
Warrant Officer Class 1 Roy Christopher Bedson, Royal Army Medical Corps, Hampshire: Corporal Barrie William Carruthers, REME, Hampshire: Major Iain Stuart James, Royal Engineers, Hampshire.

ARRC
Captain Stephen Archer, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, Hampshire.

QCB
Warrant Officer Class 1 Richard Brown, Royal Engineers, Leicestershire.

QCVS
Major Michael Harry England, Royal Army Medical Corps, Hampshire: Lieutenant Paul Victor Fountaine, Royal Engineers, Kent: Major Alastair McPherson Nicol, Royal Army Medical Corps, Hampshire: Major Michael Henry Frederick Russell, Royal Logistic Corps, Hampshire.

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Royal engagements

The Queen will watch a drivepast by members of the London Taxi-Drivers' Fund for Underprivileged Children in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace at 10.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Honorary Life Member of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, will present The Prince Philip Award for 1994 and Certificate of Merit for research and development in the field of dairy farming at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; as Patron of the British Athletic Federation, will present the 1994 federation awards at Buckingham Palace at 11.30; and, as president, will attend the National Playing Fields Association's 70th birthday luncheon at the Langham Hilton Hotel at 12.30.

The Prince of Wales will represent The Queen at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the liberation of Guernsey at 10.30 and Jersey at 2.15.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will preside at a closed working group on crime prevention in multi-racial Britain at the Commission for Racial Equality Headquarters, 10/12 Allington Street, at 11.00; as Chancellor of London University, will open the clinical research building and cancer centre at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, at 2.00; and will attend the annual dinner of the Road Haulage Association at Grosvenor House at 7.15 to mark the association's 50th anniversary.

Princess Margaret will visit the factory of Steelite International, Orme Street, Stoke-on-Trent, at 12.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Honorary Freeman of the Grocers' Company, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will attend a dinner at Mansion House at 7.15 to mark the company's 650th anniversary.

The Duchess of Kent will present the Royal Philharmonic Society music awards at the Dorchester hotel at 7.40.

Princess Alexandra, as Patron of the Florence Nightingale Foundation, will attend a service of commemoration at Westminster Abbey at 6.25, followed by a reception at Church House, Dean's Yard.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Papworth, architect, 1781; John Brown, militant Abolitionist, Torrington, Connecticut, 1800; Adolf Schreyer, animal painter, Frankfurt-am-Main, 1828; Sir James Barrie, dramatist and novelist, Kirriemuir, 1860; Lilian Baylis, founder of the Old Vic and Sadler's Wells, London, 1874; Zita, former empress of Austria, Viareggio, 1892; Howard Carter, archaeologist, discoverer of the tomb of Tutankhamun, 1922, Swaffham, Norfolk, 1874; José Ortega y Gasset, philosopher, Madrid, 1883; Barbara Woodhouse, animal trainer, Dublin, 1910.

DEATHS: William Bradford, Pilgrim Father, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1657; Nicolaus Zinzendorf, leader of the Moravian Church, Herrnhut, Germany, 1760; Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller, dramatist and poet, Weimar, Germany, 1805; Joseph Gay-Lussac, chemist, Paris, 1850; Aldo Moro, five times Prime Minister of Italy, assassinated, Rome, 1978; Tenzing Norgay, Himalayan climber, Darjeeling, 1986.

Irish adventurer, Colonel Thomas Blood, attempted to steal the Crown Jewels, 1671.

Ethiopia was annexed by Italy, 1936.

Britain's first launderette opened in Queensway, 1949.

Luncheon

Zaiwalla & Co Solicitors
Mr Sarosh Zaiwalla, Senior Partner of Zaiwalla & Co, Solicitors of 33 Chancery Lane, London WC2, gave a luncheon on May 4, 1995, at the Law Society for the Hon Tony Baldry, MP, Under Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Among those present were:
His Excellency Dr A.F.M. Yusuf (High Commissioner for Bangladesh); Mr Asraf Adamjee; Dr Linda Spedding; Mr Atul Amersey; Mr Antonio Bueno, QC; Ms Shobhna Chellaram (Indo-British Appeal); Mr H.D. Habib; Mr Stuart Poole-Robb; H.S. Narula; George Panagiotopoulos.

Knighthood

Mr Frederick Paul Girvan, QC, is to receive a knighthood on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court in Northern Ireland.

Stephen Dykes Bower

Evensong and Memorial Service for Stephen Dykes Bower, former Surveyor of the Fabric, Westminster Abbey, with interment of ashes in Islip Chapel, will be held at 5pm on Monday, June 12, in Westminster Abbey. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 12, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PA. Tickets will be posted on June 2. All are welcome.

Sir Stuart Milner-Barry

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Stuart Milner-Barry will be held in Westminster Abbey on Thursday, June 15, at 6pm. Those wishing to attend are asked to write to: Room 15, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, so that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made. Tickets will not be issued.

Roderick Pickis

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Roderick Pickis, Registrar of the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine, will be held at the Priory Church of Saint Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, London, EC1, on Tuesday, June 20, 1995, at 11.30am. All are welcome. Applications for tickets should be sent to Ms Giercia Malcolm at the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine, Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London, SE11 4BU by May 22, 1995. Tickets will be posted by May 31, 1995.

Concert

British Red Cross
The Princess of Wales, a Vice-President of the British Red Cross and Patron of its 125th birthday appeal, was present at a gala concert given by Mr Luciano Pavarotti last night at the Albert Hall in aid of the British Red Cross.

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God will do again what you saw him do for you in Egypt and in the wilderness. You saw there how the Lord carried you all the way to this place as a father carries his son.
Deuteronomy 1 : 30,31 (REB)

BIRTHS

CHANIN - On April 26th, to Clare (née Thyne) and Paul, a daughter, Philippa Amelia, a sister for Christopher. Deo gratis.

HARWOOD - Amelia (Milly) Joan Penny, daughter to Sarah and Christoph and sister to Kit, born on 20th April 1995, in the Sultanate of Oman.

MITCHELL - On 1st May, to Sara (née Rothery) and Jonathan, twins, Alice Susan and George Clement Craig, a sister and brother for Serena Mae.

PAGE - On 2nd May, to Glenda and Simon, a son, Oliver Mathias Micoh, a brother for Scott, Barnaby, Toby and Henry.

PATON - On 22nd April, to Amanda and Ian, a son, Humphrey.

PRATT - On 5th May 1996, to Emma (née Marsh) and Schuyler, a son, Harry George Walden.

WOOD - On May 7th, to Tom and Debbie, a beautiful daughter, Hannah Lucy.

DEATHS

BLANFORD - Peacefully on 4th May 1995, Daphne Eileen (née Narizzano), aged 78. Loved wife of the late Major John Stephen Blanford, D.F.C., and loving aunt, great aunt and great great aunt. Funeral at Barham Crematorium on Thursday 28th May at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to A.C. Towner Ltd, 2-4 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 6NH. Tel: 01424-436386.

CLARKE - On May 8th 1995, after a long illness, Tim Clarke M.B.E., former partner and director of Sotheby's, beloved husband of Elisabeth, father of Julia and grandfather of Benjamin and Pierre. Cremation private.

LUCAS - On 6th May 1995, Reverend Denys Cecil aged 80 years, after a short illness. A well respected and much loved priest and missionary. Former headmaster of St Hugh's and parish priest of Mile End and Gunnersbury. Funeral Mass at St Hugh of Lincoln, 95 Victoria Road, Knaphill, Woking at 10 am on Thursday 11th May followed by cremation at St John's Crematorium. Donations to CAFOD, 2 Romero Close, Stockwell Road, London SW9 9TY (Judith Rees).

COX - Mary, widow of Martin and mother of Clare, Jane and James, on Friday 5th May 1995, aged 84 years, suddenly and peacefully at home. Cremation at Lodge Hill, Selly Oak, Birmingham on Monday 15th May at 12.30pm. Flowers to Ambler Funeral Home, 350 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham.

MACHINNES - On May 6th 1995, very peacefully after a short illness, Gurney, aged 88, of Tirril, Penrith, Cumbria, loved and respected by all his family. Funeral at 3 o'clock on Friday May 12th at Barton Church, Tirril. Family flowers only. Donations welcome for St Paul's Church, Pooley Bridge.

McENHILL - Margaret Mary (née Denniston) of Upper Basildon, Berkshire, died peacefully on 3rd May 1995.

SELBY - On May 5th 1995, peacefully at Reigate, Betty, aged 96 years, much loved mother of Peter and Diana. Funeral Service at Leatherhead Crematorium on Friday 12th May at 3.30pm. Friends wishing to attend please accept this invitation.

STEWART - Hilda Greaves, on 6th May peacefully at Wycombe Hospital after a short illness. Widow of L.D.S., mother of the late Martin, much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium 11.15 am 12th May. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

TAPP - Ann Pauline (née Cross), widow of Lt. Col. A.G.S. Tapp M.C., sister of Dickie, died on April 21st. Cremation has taken place. No mourning. A Memorial Service will take place on May 22nd at 11.30am at St Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, London SW1. All friends most welcome. Donations in memory of Ann may be made to Royal British Legion or RNLI.

TATTERSALL - On 5th May 1995, peacefully at Llandudno General Hospital, after a short illness, Jean (née Stevens), widow of Robert Herman Tattersall and also of Charles Homer Head, much loved mother of John (and also of Pamela who died in infancy), devoted sister of Ruth and Teddy (and also of the late Don), beloved grandmother of Robert, Luke and Clare. Private family cremation at Colwyn Bay on 12th May. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o T. Conchar & Sons, 4 Woodland Road West, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7DH.

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OBITUARIES

RAY BUCKTON

Ray Buckton, General Secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, 1970-87, died at his home in Albufeira, Portugal, on May 7 aged 72. He was born on October 20, 1922.

DESPITE at one time being the ogre of commuters, Ray Buckton was a generally popular figure within the trade union movement. He served as chairman of the Trades Union Congress in the year 1983-84 and, through his conscientiousness and dedication (particularly to committee work), was very much a supporting pillar of the old TUC.

Elected the Irish officer of his union, almost invariably referred to as Aslef, at the comparatively late age of 40, Buckton then took very little time to reach the top. By 1970, well before he was 50, he had already achieved the leadership of the old engine drivers' union. Sadly, however, for him its great days of power and influence were already past. The union's strength, with a membership of over 70,000 in the early 1950s, had been allowed to drain away in a Luddite struggle to maintain the age of steam and keep the modern world at bay: by the time Buckton retired in 1987 membership was barely 20,000 and today it stands at only just over 16,000.

It was, however, Buckton's especial talent to keep a kind of phantom war going. He fought it against the British Rail Board (even in the golden days of Peter Parker) against the other rail unions (with whom he steadfastly opposed any form of merger) and, above all, against the unfortunate travellers on the Southern Region (for whom he soon superseded Dr Beeching as their prime hate-figure). It was, in its way, a remarkable achievement — if only because the clouds of dust and smoke he regularly managed to emit served effectively to disguise the essential weakness of his own negotiating position.

The principal assets he brought to his task of pretending to a power he did not really possess were a natural gift for manipulation and a flair for publicity. Unlike, say, Arthur Scargill, he did not himself demand the limelight. Indeed, he was often most effective behind the scenes. From his modest home in Edgware constantly available to, and usually on excellent terms with, the traditionalist corps of newspaper industrial correspondents, Buckton played much the same role on trade union questions that a skilful Chief Whip can aspire to on parliamentary matters. When it came to a "steer" or a "nudge", there was no greater master in the trade.

In public, his favoured pose was that of the bluff, straightforward Yorkshireman — although those who took that at face value were liable to discover themselves deceived. Even a Tory Chancellor of the Exchequer, who once roundly accused him of "industrial blackmail", did not take long to find himself the victim of the silky newspaper riposte: "I prefer to keep my language more moderate." But he was not above touching populist nerve-ends either. An early opponent of the British Rail Pension Fund's decision to invest in works of art, he immediately proposed that the trustees should instead buy the surplus land that BR was already disposing of and build houses for railwaymen upon it.

Even so, there were occasionally indications down the years that the stubborn left-wing rhetoric concealed a shrewd appreciation of the declining role of the trade union movement in Britain, the alienation from it of its natural base in the working class, and the need to face up to reform — though not, of course, if it came in the provocative shape of the "flexible rostering" proposals of 1982.

Aslef was never helped by its own highly wary and suspicious relations with the two other main railway unions — the National Union of Railwaymen and the Transport Salaried Staffs Association. These differences were not confined to the industry: they were political as well. Buckton never forgave the other rail unions for not putting the old principles of the Triple Alliance into action over the miners' strike of 1984-85.

Raymond William Buckton was every inch a product of the old Labour movement. Born in the North Riding of Yorkshire, the eldest of seven children he left school at 14 to go to work as groundsman on a local estate. But an early love of trains took over and by the age of 16 he was working as an engine cleaner — the first rung on the ladder to becoming an engine driver (an ambition he was eventually to fulfil).

The nearest major railway centre was York and it was there that the young Buckton went to live, becoming chairman of the constituency Labour Party and the youngest-ever alderman on the city council. Like many trade union officials of that era, he owed his education as much to the Workers' Educational Association as to the years he had spent at the Appleton Roebuck Elementary School.

Within the TUC — he was elected to the General Council in 1973 — he was an assiduous committee man, serving variously on the international, finance and general purposes, social security, industrial welfare and economic committees. It was a considerable shock — and not only to him — when in an early anti-left purge he was voted off the General Council (at a time when he had been absent through illness) in 1986. The following year he retired from the general secretaryship of his union — vowing that he would continue to "fight day and night for a sane, disciplined transport system". In fact, he went on to found a Mexican restaurant in Bushey, which he ran for a year before selling up and using the proceeds to buy a villa in Portugal.

A gregarious man — he was among other things an accomplished harmonica player — Buckton enjoyed the happy companionship of his wife Barbara, herself a popular personality in the trade union world, whom he had married in 1954. She survives him together with their two sons.

THE HON LADY JOHNSTON

The Hon Lady Johnston, photographer, silversmith and childhood friend of the Queen, died in London on April 26 aged 68. She was born in London on April 3, 1927.

BROUGHT UP very much in court circles, Elizabeth Rosemary ("Libby") Johnston was the younger daughter of the 2nd Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, who as Alec Hardinge was Private Secretary to King Edward VIII and King George VI. Her father was the man who had to warn King Edward that the press silence concerning Wallis Simpson was about to end. After the Abdication, he guided King George VI in the early years of his reign, until his resignation in the summer of 1943.

Libby's mother, Helen Hardinge, was well known for the two books she wrote, *Loyal to Three Kings*, about her husband's career, and *The Path of Kings*. She was the daughter of Lord Edward Cecil and his wife, Violet Milner, editor of the *National Review*, so Libby's immediate forebears could have claimed to be both servants of the State *and* intellectuals. Her mother was also a childhood friend of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who was a bridesmaid at her wedding, and was Libby's godmother.

Libby and her brother thus grew up in and around the royal palaces, playing cricket in the Colour Court of St James's Palace and using the ceremonial colour holder as a wicket. They particularly loved their holidays at Altnaguisach on the Balmoral estate, though they clambered out of a window at the back of the house if they spotted Queen Mary's old Daimler heading towards the house for tea. Rudyard Kipling took an interest in Libby as a child, corresponding with her and addressing her as "Sally". The Hardinge children were presented to many of the great men of the day who moved in their parents' orbit. As Libby's sister once put it: "We were an ordinary family living in extraordinary circumstances."

The Hardinges introduced the Vicomtesse de Bellaigue (whose son, Geoffrey is the present Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures) into the Royal Household and for a time Libby was taught by her in the same schoolroom as the Queen. "Toinon" as she was known in the Household, gave the children what she called "*une formation générale*". Libby took part in the Christmas pantomime, *Cinderella*, in December 1941, playing Dandini to the Queen's Prince Florizel and Princess Margaret's Cinderella. The production was directed by Hubert Tannar, headmaster of the Royal School at Windsor and performed in the Waterloo Chamber, for the benefit of King George, Queen Elizabeth and their friends. Both the Princesses took a key part in the production introducing family jokes with hidden allusions, references to the latest war developments and lighthearted digs at members of the Household into the script.

Later Libby went to St George's, Ascot and then studied in Oxford, soon gravitating towards the lectures given by her cousin, Lord David Cecil. Just as the war ended she turned 18 and joined the WRNS, serving from 1945 to 1948. After a secretarial course at Queen's, she took a job at the Siamese Embassy. In November 1949, she married John Johnston, later Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, then a junior officer serving in the Grenadier Guards. In the next few years they were stationed in three different parts of Germany. His military career over, Johnston became in 1964 Assistant Comptroller (later Comptroller) of the Lord Chamberlain's Office. Thus Libby was once again in the royal milieu, and for 22 years they lived at Adelaide Cottage in the Home Park at Windsor, where at Christmas they often entertained the Royal Family.

But she had a career entirely independent of this. She was a professional photographer, who took memorable photographs of children, with whom she enjoyed a particular affinity. She also took landscapes, wild life and also some informal images of the Royal Family, several of which were published. She took the photographs for two books of interiors by David Hicks, and she was called in to take the photographs of the Duchess of Windsor on her last visit to England in 1973 to visit the Duke's grave.

She undertook considerable charity work, notably for the blind, and was trustee of a probation hostel, Manor Lodge, in Old Windsor. She also served as a magistrate in Windsor. She took a more enlightened view than many of the pop festivals staged in Windsor Great Park in 1977, visiting the drop-outs and drug-addicts and taking an interest in their plight.

She organised three visual art exhibitions in Windsor Castle as part of the Windsor Festivals of the 1970s. One, *Royal Performance*, was an exhibition of works of art by members of the Royal Family from Tudor times to the present day. These ranged from oils and watercolours by Prince Charles and Prince Philip, to a feather picture by Princess Margaret and an early table by the 16-year-old Viscount Linley, then at Bedales. This was the first time that such works had been displayed as a group. The following year, the exhibition *Off to the Races* consisted of works of art connected with Royal Ascot.

She loved Wales, where they had a cottage. She worked as a craftsman, creating Welsh love spoons in silver. She was a great encourager of the endeavours of others and, as one friend put it, possessed "a capacity to reassure people of their own value". She showed considerable courage in the 12 years of her illness.

She is survived by her husband, who retired as Comptroller of the Lord Chamberlain's office in 1987, a son who is a theatre director and a daughter who designed the costumes for the award-winning film, *Forrest Gump*.

ALEXANDER KNOX

Alexander Knox, actor, died in London on April 26 aged 88. He was born in Strathroy, Ontario, on January 16, 1907.

SOME few actors are famous primarily for not being famous. Alexander Knox was the perfect example. Never quite a star, never just a supporting actor, he was one of whom critics said of his every appearance (and they were many) how extraordinarily good he was, and what a pity it was that no one recognised it.

There was no doubting his sheer skill as an actor on both stage and screen. He personified solidity and reliability, perfect as a doctor or a lawyer whose word one would take without question, ideal as a deceived husband who suffers philosophically while the principals of the piece are off having an unprincipled but passionate good time. In such roles he would garner sympathy but most people in the audience would secretly understand why the fireworks were happening elsewhere: as a leading man he had every desirable quality, except that extra spark of excitement.

On the other hand, while glittering romantic leads came and went, Knox was always there, always comfortably in work. He had a surprisingly long career, making his stage debut in 1929 and appearing in his last film in 1985. If he had any regret about his career it was probably that he had very seldom been allowed to escape from high seriousness into comedy — for which, indeed, he had a recognisable talent, as his appearance in a script he wrote for himself, *The Judge Steps Out*, in 1947 unmistakably demonstrated.

But if the crisp, ironic edge he had at his command was seldom allowed full play, it was always there to light up corners of the more serious roles. For that matter, he could be good as quietly menacing villains, but seldom except in Joseph Losey's *The Damned* (1961), where he played a fanatical exponent of genetic engineering, was he given a chance at all-out barnstorming.

In many ways he was really defined by the role he played at the peak of his Hollywood career, President Wilson in Henry King's reverent biopic *Wilson* (1944), for which Knox received an Oscar nomination. For the purposes of the film Wilson as the alleged peacemaker of 1918, who moved in full of ideals to put the follies of Europe to rights, was shown as so wise and saintly that the result was a bit stuffy. Perhaps understandably, the film was much more highly valued in the United States, where it struck the required chord for the last year of the Second World War, than in Europe, where it was vaguely respected but disregarded. Not that this made much difference to Knox's standing in Britain, where he had worked regularly in the decade preceding the outbreak of war and whither he was to return more or less permanently once the war was over.

Alexander Knox was educated at the University of Western Ontario after which he made his debut in Boston in 1929. But he almost immediately moved to London where he began a busy stage career, frequently, but not necessarily, playing American roles in plays like *Anna Christie*.

His first big personal success was at the Old Vic in the 1937-38 season when, after appearing in various lesser parts in a repertory which included *Richard III*, *Macbeth*, *Othello* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, he was given the leading role of Dr McGlip in *The Man From Nowhere*. He also played in Shaw, appearing in *Geneva* in London and *In Good King Charles's Golden Days* at the Malvern Festival.

Back in America in 1940, he at once plunged into a succession of stage productions. In 1942 he was lured to Hollywood to appear in *The Sea Hawk*, and found his true vocation in *Wilson*, followed by a similarly weighty role in *Sister Kenny* (1946), which he helped to script. Indeed, writing was always the second string to his bow; as well as film scripts he wrote a number of plays — in one of which, *The Closing Door*, he starred on Broadway in 1949 — several detective novels and two much-praised documentary books on native Americans, *The Enemy I Kill*, about the Huron, and *Night of the White Bear*, about the Inuit.

When his Hollywood career began to lose momentum in the later 1940s, he followed a fashionable track back to Europe and the then exciting new school of film-making, Italian Neo-Realism, starring with Ingrid Bergman in Rossellini's *Europa 51* (1952). Settled again in Britain with his actress wife Doris Nolan, he started his British film career with the still blacklisted Joseph Losey's spirited film noir *The Sleeping Tiger* (1954), in which, inevitably, it was not he but Dirk Bogarde who wakened the tiger in his wife Alexis Smith.

From then on Knox was Mr Reliability, always ready for (and always good in) war films like *Reach For The Sky* (1956), thrillers like *The Night My Number Came Up* (1954), period dramas like *Oscar Wilde* (1959, the Robert Morley version) and emotional dramas like *Woman of Straw* (1964). His mid-Atlantic diction continued to serve him well on stage, where he could go directly from the lead in Clifford Odets's *Winter Journey* to Wolsey in *Henry VIII* at the Old Vic, and on screen.

His collaboration with Losey continued in *Modesty Blaise* (1966) and *Accident* (1967), and latterly he was to be seen playing costume roles in *Khartoum* (1966) and *Nicholas and Alexandra* (1971), entangled with James Bond in *You Only Live Twice* (1967), and being backed out of the limelight by Alec Guinness in *Smiley's People* (1981-82). Always he was good, and always people said what a shame it was no one realised his true quality. But in a sense that was the key to his art.

LEWIS PRESTON

Lewis Preston, former president of the World Bank, died of cancer in Washington on May 4 aged 68. He was born in New York on August 5, 1926.

LEWIS PRESTON's tenure at the World Bank was comparatively brief: he was appointed in September 1991 and resigned in March of this year because of ill health. But it came at a crucial time for the organisation, which was set up after the Second World War to provide loans and technical assistance to the governments of developing countries. With the breakup of the Soviet Union, Preston had the task of overseeing the entry of the former Soviet republics into the institution and guiding them down the uncertain path toward market economies.

His chief objectives were to make the World Bank more flexible, more cost-effective, and more responsive to prevailing social concerns. To this end he moved rapidly to trim its sprawling bureaucracy, slashing 240 senior management positions from the staff in his first few weeks of office. Bureaucracy, however, knew a trick worth two of that, and the figures showed that the bank's administrative budget in fact increased by nearly 50 per cent, to $1.4 billion, during Preston's presidency.

The increased costs were caused in part by the admission of 23 new member nations, bringing the total to 178, and, in part, by mandates from those countries over which Preston had no control.

He frequently found himself in conflict with some members of the board, appointed by member countries, who thought they could manage the bank better than he could.

Preston did succeed in some changes of policy, insisting that performance be judged on the success of projects financed by the World Bank instead of, as before, by the mere quantity of loans. He also arranged a sharp increase in loans for environmental projects, health, education and family planning.

With a marked increase in the flow of private capital to developing countries, currently running at $120 billion, or six times the World Bank's commitment, Preston saw the role of his institution as advising in the restructuring of the public sectors of client countries.

The grandson of a Confederate officer who later made his fortune with John D. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil Company, Lewis Thompson Preston spent the bulk of his career after an education at Harvard with the investment bank of J. P. Morgan and Co, where he climbed up the corporate ladder to become chairman of the board and chief executive in 1980. He was a private, reticent man but one who was credited by the current J. P. Morgan chairman, Douglas Warner, as being "the pre-eminent international banker of his era".

Preston took early retirement from J. P. Morgan, where his annual salary had been $2 million, to accept, for a mere $285,000 a year, President Bush's invitation to head the World Bank and its sister agencies, the International Development Association, the International Finance Corporation, and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency. After so many years in the private sector, he said, he felt obliged to perform a public service.

Lewis Preston, who had suffered heart problems in recent years and was under treatment for cancer, is survived by his wife Gladys and five daughters, one from an earlier marriage.

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M Q Parker
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WESTMINSTER, Monday

Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Lord Stansgate, from a seat in the gallery in the House of Commons this afternoon witnessed the defeat by 250 votes to 177 of Mr. Gaitskell's motion that he "be admitted in and heard". Thus he saw the frustration of his hopes of stating at the Bar why he should be permitted to take his seat as member for Bristol South-East.

He was still there some hours later when the House rejected by 259 votes to 162 the Opposition amendment urging that the oath be administered to him and that "he do take his seat". The House carried by 254 votes to 100 the Government motion that he "be not permitted to enter the Chamber unless the House otherwise orders".

The amendment "took note" that the electors of Bristol South-East had returned him as their member and the motion took note that he ceased to be a member of the House on his succession to the viscountcy. Mr. Butler explained that its object was to maintain the status quo until the report of the Election Court on the petition had been received.

At the opening of the proceedings Mr. Benn had heard the Speaker read a letter from him stating that just after prayers, on his way to the Bar of the House, he was stopped at the door and informed that the Speaker had given instructions that if necessary physical force should be used to prevent his entry.

"As a duly elected member of Parliament", Mr. Benn's letter went on, "I request you to countermand that order for which I can find no parallel in Parliamentary history".

"YOU CANNOT ENTER, SIR"

Mr. Benn tested the Serjeant at Arms' defences under the Churchill arch, leading to the Commons Chamber, at 2.40p.m. yesterday, very soon after Prayers had ended and the House had moved on to Questions. He was repulsed in the course of a short duologue with the Principal Doorkeeper, but since some members knew the lines to be spoken well in advance the curiosity in the well-filled members' lobby scarcely mounted to the pitch of drama.

Political reporters were also present, as it happened, but in this private part of the palace they have eyes to see and ears to hear only what members report to them, and on this occasion the narrative came from Mr. Herbert Bowden, the Opposition Chief Whip, who himself had a walking-on part.

He described how Mr. Benn approached the Churchill arch where he was confronted by the Principal Doorkeeper, Mr. Victor Stockley. These exchanges followed:-

MR. BENN.—I have a certificate here which returns me as the member for Bristol South-East.

PRINCIPAL DOORKEEPER.—You cannot enter, sir.

MR. BENN.—On whose instructions?

PRINCIPAL DOORKEEPER.—By Mr. Speaker's, sir.

MR. BENN.—Are you instructed to prevent me entering by physical force if necessary?

PRINCIPAL DOORKEEPER.—I am sir.

Mr. Benn with Mr. Bowden and Mr. Wilkins (Labour member for Bristol, South) pressed no farther and retreated: and before long Mr. Benn was to be seen inside the Chamber, but in the gallery with the rest of the ordinary public.

ON THIS DAY

May 9 1961

An automatic by-election followed Mr Benn's elevation to the peerage on the death of his father Viscount Stansgate in 1960. He won it but the Election Court declared his Conservative opponent elected. The Peerage Act (1963) enabled Mr Benn to renounce his title and resume his parliamentary career.

NEWS

Major urged to sacrifice Chancellor

■ Senior rightwingers urged John Major to risk losing his Chancellor with a radical shift in policy on the economy and Europe. They said the Prime Minister should be prepared to accept Kenneth Clarke's resignation if that was the price of putting the Tory party back in touch with its supporters.

The demands for a swing to the Right and the sniping at Mr Clarke came as Tory MPs prepared to return to Westminster after a long weekend absorbing the grim lessons of the local election debacle ..... **Pages 1, 8**

Carnival climax to commemoration

■ Huge crowds took to the streets of London to bring the commemorations of the end of the Second World War to a carnival climax, and to pay popular tribute to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother ..... **Pages 1, 2, 3, 9, 17**

Cancer units failing

More than half of the 230 hospitals treating women with breast cancer are failing to meet minimum standards for care, according to specialists ..... **Page 1**

Carling reinstated

Will Carling was reinstated as captain of the England rugby union team less than 72 hours after being sacked for describing the governing body's committee as "57 old farts" ..... **Page 1**

Royal thought for day

The Prince of Wales said on BBC Radio that acts of remembrance for the sacrifices and horror of the Second World War were a safeguard for civilisation ..... **Page 2**

Crowds fill The Mall

If there had been a roof over The Mall, the crowds that stretched half a mile from Buckingham Palace would have raised it easily as they turned back the clock 50 years ..... **Page 3**

Council spree

The Government is considering allowing newly elected Labour councils to go on a spending spree, with the aim of giving a costly foretaste of life under a Labour government ..... **Page 4**

Health lottery

Suzanne Judge's breast cancer went undiagnosed for nine months after she was referred to a general surgeon instead of a specialist unit ..... **Page 5**

Two-day rescue

Mountain rescuers battled for two days to save two climbers stranded on one of Scotland's most hazardous ranges ... **Page 6**

Village on bomb alert

Villagers have been told to prepare themselves and their pets for emergency evacuation during an Army search for hundreds of First World War shells and bombs containing phosgene and mustard gas ..... **Page 8**

VE jeers in Paris

Thousands of Parisians, outraged at being kept away from a VE-Day parade, jeered and booed as world leaders left a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe ..... **Page 9**

Chirac's challenge

When François Mitterrand became President 14 years ago, France had probably the most dynamic economy in Europe. Today, France is the sick man of Europe ..... **Page 10**

Peking fears unrest

Peking has ordered a national alert before and after the sixth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square riot, in a move also aimed at guarding against unrest should Deng Xiaoping die ..... **Page 11**

21 killed in elections

Twenty-one people, four of them candidates, were killed during congressional and local elections in the Philippines which were also marred by vote-buying ... **Page 11**

Corporal wins new gallantry medal

■ The first award of the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, which is second only to the Victoria Cross for courageous acts by members of the Armed Forces, has been made to a corporal in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He saved the lives of his patrol after they were ambushed by Serbs near the Muslim enclave of Gorazde in Bosnia-Herzegovina ..... **Page 8**

SIMON WALKER

A young voice joins the nostalgic singalong during the VE-Day anniversary concert outside Buckingham Palace yesterday

BUSINESS

Low pay: The debate about a statutory national minimum wage is likely to hot up this week, with the Confederation of British Industry preparing to reject the Labour Party's proposals ..... **Page 40**

Subdued pound: With the important London market closed, trading in sterling was limited, but dealers expect a nervous British currency to come under pressure ..... **Page 40**

Job fears: The collapse of Barings and other financial disasters has caused job losses in the derivatives market, and there are fears of more cuts to come ..... **Page 40**

Business watchdog: One of the biggest accountants has called for an independent financial regulator with the power to disqualify firms that misbehave ..... **Page 37**

SPORT

Cricket: Michael Atherton, the England captain, scored 155 not out, his fourth century of the season, in Lancashire's eight-wicket victory over Durham ..... **Page 23**

Rugby union: Andrew Longmore argues that the Rugby Football Union may have lost all credibility in the Carling affair, but its original decision to sack him was right ..... **Page 26**

Yachting: David Pedrick, chief designer to the US syndicate in the America's Cup, resigned in protest over wranglings that have dogged the defence trials ..... **Page 22**

Racing: Epsom authorities, responding to reports that Celtic Swing may miss the Derby, emphasised that the going would be good for the race ..... **Page 24**

ARTS

Chanteuse heads west: Maria Friedman, a favourite of musical theatre connoisseurs, is set for wider fame with her solo cabaret show in the West End ..... **Page 13**

Topolski's war: A timely retrospective, One Hundred Wartime Drawings, confirms Feliks Topolski to be one of the greatest visual journalists of the century ..... **Page 12**

Tate's new space: With a bizarre installation named after a famous American footballer, the Tate Gallery has inaugurated its space for provocative new art ..... **Page 12**

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Scientific approach: Essential advice for 11-year-olds preparing for national science tests ..... **Page 33**

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Lifesaver: What to do if you see a child drowning ..... **Page 14**

Unhappy returns: Even after undergoing vasectomy, men may be able to father children, says Dr Thomas Stuttaford ..... **Page 14**

Fat lot of good: Minnie Driver, star of *Circle of Friends*, already a box-office hit in America, discusses her role — and *The Politician's Wife* ..... **Page 15**

LAW

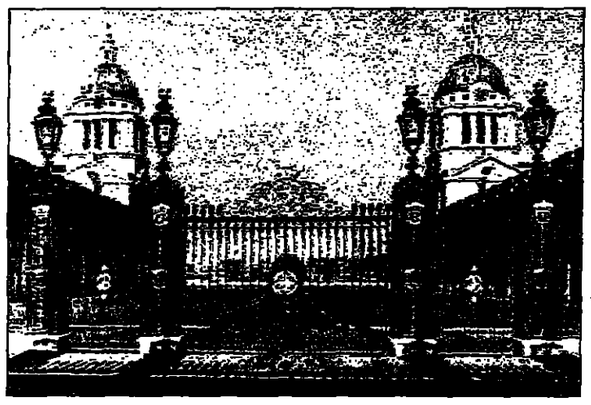
Rebel with a cause: Frances Gibb talks to Martin Mears, the rebel who is standing for the Law Society presidency ..... **Page 29**

Explosive case: How can Timothy McVeigh, accused in the Oklahoma City bombing, be sure of good legal representation? ..... **Page 31**

Council watch: Law firms are trying to determine what effect the council elections will have on compulsory competitive tendering for council services ..... **Page 31**

THE PAPERS

In our self-satisfaction at reliving the days of Hitler's fall, we must not forget how he rose to power. He was not a colonel who pulled a palace coup with a few gun-toting comrades. He was a demagogic politician who played on the fears of worried people. He offered scapegoats for their fears. He promised them glory — *USA Today*



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ ON THE MERIDIAN
Marcus Binney on Greenwich's bid to host the millennium party

■ TRENCH FEVER
This summer's little coat will add a layer of glamour, Iain R. Webb reports

TV LISTINGS

Preview: The last letters of servicemen killed in the Second World War are poignantly recalled in *Network First* (ITV, 10.40pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond on why he deserted coverage of VE-Day events for the real thing ..... **Page 39**

OPINION

What Chirac means

Without questioning the goal of monetary union, Chirac may argue that economic convergence, required by the Maastricht treaty, cannot be pursued at the cost of fracturing France's social cohesion ..... **Page 17**

Her own victory

On the anniversary of VE-Day, it was for the Queen Mother that the crowds gathered outside the Palace. Churchill told the crowds in 1945: "This is your victory." Yesterday it was hers ..... **Page 17**

On track

By announcing its fare-capping rules in advance of any lines being sold, the Government is clearly hoping to allay the fears of commuters that privatisation will force up travel costs ..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

TIMOTHY GARTON ASH

Fifty years on, we remember Britain's unique contribution to the victory in Europe with wholly justified pride. But we had to fight that war partly because of an earlier policy based on the mistaken belief that Britain could, by a diplomacy of detachment, insulate itself from those European quarrels in faraway countries of which Chamberlain knew nothing. Wrong then, even more wrong now ..... **Page 16**

WOODROW WYATT

Labour must be pressed systematically on its subservience, through acceptance of majority voting, to the edicts of the EU and on ever-closer political union leading to the extinction of our parliamentary sovereignty, with British laws and judges' decisions reversed by alien courts ..... **Page 16**

OBITUARIES

Ray Buckton, former general secretary of Aslef; **The Hon Lady Johnston**, photographer and childhood friend of the Queen; **Alexander Knox**, actor ..... **Page 19**

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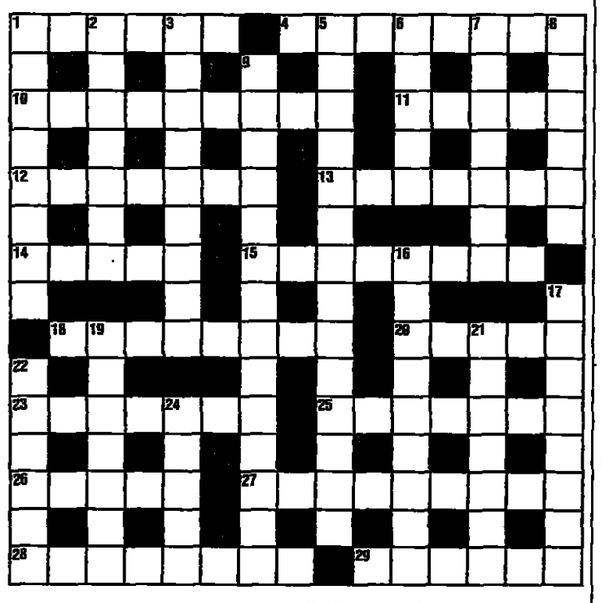

ACROSS

1 Help Australia set about a hundred and twelve houses (6).
4 Made music together (8).
10 It's a gamble of course (9).
11 A £1,000 note — first in UK perhaps (5).
12 Ignore knight chosen to protect King's back (7).
13 Obscure bridge player cheats, according to hearsay (7).
14 Ill-feeling between playing partners — it sounds a warning (5).
15 Not allowed to get on a boat (8).
18 Trap circumvented by animal with dark hair (8).
20 Monster among the characters in Hardy (5).
23 Folded paper, a cheque, returned to friend abroad (7).
25 Rough cowl attached to chimney in Perth (7).
26 Pasture in part becomes a fold (5).
27 One who is naive or amusing by turns (9).
28 Drivers need doctor to cut down pain (8).
29 Make a great effort in race (6).

DOWN

1 Unknown number absorbed by fool's buffoonery (8).
2 Man of action about to shake old lady (7).
3 First class match, with heartless man bowling Helen's brother-in-law (9).
5 From a different point of view, hath not done her wrong (2,3,5,4).
6 Featured in the newspaper, I live for danger (5).
7 Run a second car for leisure use (7).
8 Mute swan below the weir (6).
9 Be in a delicate situation, so eat in kitchen, in casual fashion (5,2,4,3).
16 Look into curved structure put up in October by mobster? (9).
17 Spearman hurt? Hard cheese! (8).
19 Train in torn clothing (7).
21 It's a problem, raising one's hat to a lady (7).
22 Ball used in firearm (6).
24 A capable Thespian, ordinarily relishing leading parts (5).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday. Highest day temp: Heathrow 27C (81F), lowest day max, Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.28in; highest sunshine: Exmouth, Devon, 14.0hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** much of England and Wales will have a fine start, with broken cloud and some sunshine from time to time. It should stay dry although there is a small chance of showers near the east coast.

Northern Scotland will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain. These will extend southwards to southern Scotland and Northern Ireland later in the day. Clearer, more showery weather will follow from the north in the evening.

☐ **London, S E England, Central S England, Midlands, N Wales, NW England, Central N England:** dry and bright with some sunshine. Wind northwest moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England:** bright with some sunshine. Isolated chance of a shower. Wind northwest moderate to fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** dry and bright with some sunshine but becoming more cloudy later. Wind northwest moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** bright start but becoming more cloudy later. Chance of an isolated shower. Wind northwest moderate. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Wind northwest becoming northeast moderate. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Becoming clearer and more showery later. Wind north to northeast moderate to fresh. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Outlook:** sunny intervals and showers, heaviest in north and east.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.2	0.07	14	57	c	Littlehmptn	10.8	-	23	73	s
Anglesey	2.4	-	15	59	r	Liverpool	2.5	-	15	59	b
Aspatria	3.5	0.16	15	59	r	London	12.7	-	26	79	s
Avemore	1.4	0.01	15	59	sh	Lowestoft	X				
Belfast	1.2	0.01	15	59	c	Manchester	6.3	-	18	64	c
Birmingham	11.2	-	25	77	s	Margate	11.6	-	27	81	s
Bognor R	12.0	-	24	75	s	Minehead	X				
Bournem'th	13.2	-	25	77	s	Morecambe	2.0	-	15	59	du
Bristol	13.1	-	21	70	s	Newcastle	0.1	0.02	14	57	c
Buxton	7.7	-	18	64	s	Norwich	11.9	-	25	77	s
Cardiff	10.8	-	30	86	s	Nottingham	X				
Clacton	X					Oxford	13.1	-	25	77	s
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	12.6	-	24	75	s
Colwyn Bay	2.6	-	17	63	c	Plymouth	X				
Cromer	13.0	-	23	73	s	Poole	13.1	-	26	79	s
Doncaster	6.6	-	23	73	s	Prestatyn	4.1	-	15	59	c
Dunbar	1.6	0.06	15	59	b	Ross-o-wyo	10.9	-	25	77	s
Eastbourne	11.7	-	25	77	s	Ryde	13.0	-	25	77	s
Edinburgh	2.9	0.01	15	59	r	Salcombe	13.2	-	24	75	s
Eskdalemuir	2.2	0.13	13	55	c	Sandown	12.2	-	24	75	s
Exmouth	14.0	-	23	73	s	Saunton Snd	13.9	-	18	64	s
Falmouth	X	-	23	73	s	Scarboro'	1.3	-	18	64	c
Fishguard	9.6	-	16	61	b	Scilly Isles	X				
Folkestone	13.1	-	22	72	s	Shanklin	13.1	-	24	75	s
Glasgow	2.0	0.02	15	59	sh	Shrewsbury	10.9	-	21	70	b
Guernsey	13.3	-	25	77	s	Skegness	10.8	-	26	77	s
Hastings	12.1	-	21	70	s	Southend	X	-	25	77	b
Hayling I.	12.7	-	23	73	s	Southport	3.1	-	15	59	b
Herne Bay	12.8	-	26	79	s	Southsea	13.0	-	X	X	s
Hove	9.9	-	19	66	s	Stornoway	0.2	0.12	11	52	r
Hunstanton	10.7	-	23	73	s	Swanage	X				
Ilfracombe	10.7	-	X	X	s	Teignmouth	13.6	-	25	77	s
Isle of Man	3.9	-	18	61	s	Tenby	13.1	-	20	68	s
Jersey	13.4	-	26	79	s	Tiree	3.3	0.06	12	54	sh
Kinloss	5.9	0.01	15	59	sh	Torquay	13.1	-	25	77	s
Leeds	4.4	-	21	70	c	Ventnor	12.7	-	22	72	s
Lerwick	-	0.06	7	45	r	Weymouth	13.5	-	21	70	s
Leuchars	2.3	0.07	17	63	b	These are Sunday's figures					

ABROAD

Alaccio	23	73	s	C'phagn	8	46	c	Majorca	26	79	s
Alcratri	19	66	s	Corfu	20	68	s	Malaga	22	72	f
Alex'cha	20	68	s	Dublin	13	55	c	Malta	21	70	s
Algiers	33	91	f	Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Melb'rne	14	57	s
Amst'dm	13	56	c	Faro	21	70	s	Mexico C	25	77	s
Athens	23	73	s	Florence	24	75	s	Miami	29	84	c
Bahrain	32	90	s	Frankfurt	23	73	f	Milan	25	77	s
Bangkok	27	81	f	Funchal	21	70	c	Montreal	9	48	s
Barbados	29	84	c	Geneva	24	75	s	Moscow	18	64	f
Barcelona	20	68	s	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Munich	17	63	s
Beirut	20	68	f	Helsinki	9	48	c	Nairobi	26	79	f
Belgrade	23	73	s	Hong K	24	75	f	Naples	22	72	s
Berlin	16	61	f	Istanbul	19	66	s	N Delhi	38	10	s
Bermuda	21	70	s	Jeddah	35	95	s	N York	18	64	s
Biarritz	22	72	s	Jo'burg	18	64	f	Nice	19	66	s
Borde'x	29	84	f	Karachi	39	10	s	Oslo	11	52	f
Brussels	18	64	f	L Palmas	23	73	f	Paris	22	72	s
Budapst	21	70	s	La Tquet	17	63	f	Peking	28	82	s
B Aires	18	64	s	Lisbon	21	70	c	Perth	24	75	s
Cairo	25	77	s	Locarno	22	72	s	Prague	19	66	s
Cape Tn	18	64	f	L Angels	17	63	c	Reykjavik	7	45	s
Chicago	23	73	s	Luxembg	19	66	s	Rhodes	20	68	s
Ch'church	13	55	-	Luxor	31	88	s	Rio de J	30	86	f
Cologne	16	61	f	Madrid	26	79	f	Riyadh	36	97	s
Rome	20	68	s
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Salzburg	22	72	c
S F'risco	15	59	s
Santiago	24	75	s
S Paulo	18	64	r
Seoul	24	75	s
Sing'por	31	88	f
Stckholm	9	48	f
Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Sydney	18	64	c
Tangier	19	66	f
Tel Aviv	22	72	f
Tenerife	23	73	s
Tokyo	19	66	s
Toronto	13	55	s
Tunis	31	88	s
Valencia	26	79	s
Vanc'ver	16	59	c
Venice	23	73	s
Vienna	21	70	f
Warsaw	15	59	f
Wash'ton	20	68	s
Wellington	13	55	f
Zurich	22	72	f

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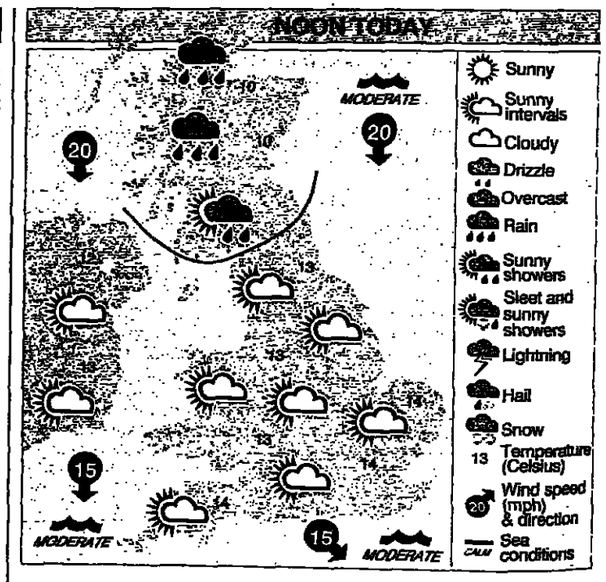

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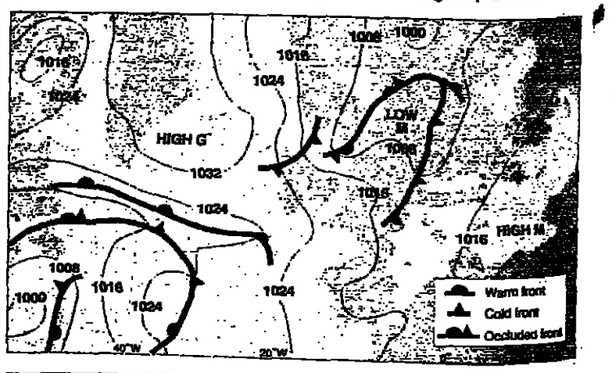

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8:04	5.90	8:26	5.85	Leith	9:14	4.39	9:59	4.48
Aberdeen	8.04	3.34	9.02	3.34	Liverpool	5.46	7.37	6.28	7.44
Avonmouth	0.40	10.15	1.23	9.90	Lowestoft	5.03	2.05	3.55	2.10
Belfast	5.33	3.09	6.18	2.86	Margate	6.57	3.88	7.08	3.94
Cardiff	0.34	9.20	1.32	8.65	Milford Haven	0.21	5.26	1.08	5.14
Devonport	-	-	0.20	4.25	Newquay	-	-	0.39	5.02
Dover	5.38	5.20	6.20	5.38	Oban	-	-	1.50	2.85
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Edinburgh 9.09 pm to 5.09 am
Manchester 8.54 pm to 5.16 am
Penzance 8.54 pm to 5.43 am

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'I would like to thank Dennis because I put him in a situation which I bitterly regret'

Contrite Carling reinstated as captain

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

PEACE broke out between English rubgy union's warring factions yesterday when Will Carling, after an abrupt 70-hour interregnum, was reinstated as England captain. Carling, the leader of the team since 1988, will now take into the World Cup in South Africa, which begins on May 25, a playing party even more united behind him than it was before.

It is an unprecedented climb down by Dennis Easby, the president of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), so soon after such an authoritarian display of the presidential powers. Yet both the game's administrators and players recognised how damaging the situation had become, both for the ambitions for the team in South Africa and the image of the domestic game.

They were able to agree a formula that restores Carling for the period of the World Cup, after which his position will be reviewed by the RFU in the normal way of all honorary appointments. Carling, however, has also agreed to certain confidential conditions and given the president a written undertaking that he will neither say nor imply in South Africa anything that brings into disrepute the game or the RFU.

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"I would like to thank Dennis because I put him in a situation which I bitterly regret," Carling said in Marlow last night, before the England squad's training session. "I have admiration for him for changing his decision to what I think is the benefit of England. The most important thing is for them to be successful in South Africa. It has taken a lot of courage, but now I hope this will die down so that the squad can focus on South Africa."

The events of the past three days have had a slightly surreal quality. Carling was dismissed from his position when the RFU officers decided, on Friday night, they could not tolerate his televised outburst 24 hours earlier describing the RFU committee as "old farts". A distraught Carling was informed of the decision at breakfast time on Saturday morning.

By Sunday, his fellow members of the World Cup squad, which leaves for South Africa a week tomorrow, had united solidly behind the deposed captain and invited the president, at whose instigation Carling was dismissed, to reconsider. Their request was backed by the knowledge that three of the most experienced members of the squad, Rob Andrew, Dean Richards and Brian Moore, would not contemplate being a replacement.

A tense situation eased when Easby made contact on Sunday evening, via a radio talk show, with Jon Holmes, Carling's agent, who suggested a meeting. That 40-minute meeting took place at Twickenham yesterday afternoon. "Will gave the assurances I wanted ... after I put certain matters to him and I am delighted to say I have asked him to have back the role of captain," Easby said.

The two men met a relieved Jack Rowell, the team manager, at Marlow to conclude a period which has even ousted VE-Day celebration events from some front pages. The reverberations of the affair, however, will run long because this particular generation of players feel let down by their administrators just when they sought to concentrate on justifying their status as one of the favourites for the World Cup.

Easby, 70, expressed regret that he felt forced into a measure that outraged the sporting public and even some of his own committee colleagues who had been included in Carling's off-the-cuff remark, played during the Channel 4 programme, *Fair Game*, last Thursday. "I don't think I was over hasty, otherwise I would not have taken the action," the former solicitor said.

"We had the evidence of the documentary [when we met], the problem had been created that Will appeared to have no confidence in the administration. We have now cleared up the problem." Easby evinced no surprise that the squad had stood four-square behind the captain but, asked if he intended to resign in the light of what must be considered a reverse for the authorities, Easby denied he had any intention of doing so.

Carling, to his credit and possibly well advised by his agent and friends, had adopted a mature stance. It was at his insistence that the third paragraph of the official statement, praising Easby, was inserted: "When you look at what I said, I shouldn't have said it," he added. "A lot has actually changed as far as the players and the committee are concerned in the last two months [since the documentary was filmed in March] and I am hoping that, through Dennis's action, the players will have a lot more respect for him. He has avoided what could have been a stand-off."

Carling had in mind the words achieved by the joint committee of administrators and players which will bring the England squad far more remuneration than they have received since they set up their own company, Player Vision, four years ago to address their commercial aspirations.

"I hope everything that has happened will draw the players together," Carling said, a sentiment echoed by Rowell, who suddenly found himself faced with a situation he never envisaged possible. "Will put his foot in it, then helped restore the situation through the grace of the president," Rowell said.

Easby, left, and Carling meet the press after the Rugby Football Union's decision to reinstate the England captain yesterday. Photograph: James Morgan

'Words I should not have said'

WILL CARLING, the words that started it all last week on Channel 4's *Fair Game*: "If the game is run properly as a professional game, you do not need 57 old farts running rugby. What I think gets me and a lot of players now is the hypocrisy of the situation. Why are we not just honest and say there is a lot of money in the game? It is becoming a professional game."

CARLING, yesterday: "I regret what I said. I should not have said it. I don't blame the people who made the documentary. The players and me will have a lot more respect for Dennis Easby in avoiding a bad stand off. I would like to thank Dennis because I put him in a situation I regret and I am grateful to him for changing his decision for what I obviously believe is the benefit of English rugby."

DENNIS EASBY, the president of the RFU, on Sunday, after stripping Carling of the captaincy: "I accept that I am probably the most unpopular man in British sport right now, but the decision has been made. I stand by it, and there is no chance whatsoever that it will be reversed. I expect to receive hate mail and abusive telephone calls over the next few days and have a lot of bad things written about me in the press. But I feel I have done nothing but carry out my responsibilities for the good of English rugby."

EASBY, yesterday: "Will and I had a very good meeting. He gave me all the assurances I needed and I am delighted to be able to ask him to take on the captaincy for the World Cup. I regret that it happened, but Will's original apology was not quite sufficient."

JACK ROWELL, the manager of England: "Will put his foot in it, but the situation has been restored through the grace of the president. It has been the most interesting Bank Holiday ever for me, but we hope that we are stronger for this ordeal."

SEAN FITZPATRICK, the captain of New Zealand: "I'm sure that all the England players will feel they now have a point to prove because of what has happened to Will Carling. If anything, this will make them even more formidable because they will have a greater resolve and the players will be more determined to do well. This could strengthen them."

THE RFU STATEMENT

WILL CARLING wishes to apologise to every member of the committee of the RFU for his inappropriate and gratuitously offensive comment at the end of a recent TV programme.

All 25 members of England's World Cup squad have indicated their support for Will Carling as captain and have respectfully requested the RFU officers to reconsider their decision to terminate his appointment.

Carling would like to thank the squad for their support and also Dennis Easby for his courage in reconsidering his original decision — thus enabling the England squad to have a settled and successful build-up to the World Cup.

In the light of these circumstances the RFU are agreeable to reinstate Carling as England's captain for the period of the World Cup, following which the position will come up for review in the normal way.

This is subject to certain conditions which will remain confidential and the provision of a written undertaking by Carling that he will not say or imply during this period anything which serves to denigrate or bring into disrepute the game or the RFU.

Tottenham cling to Klinsmann hopes

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GERRY FRANCIS, the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, said yesterday that he was "quite optimistic" that he can still persuade Jürgen Klinsmann to stay at White Hart Lane after he and Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, met Klinsmann to try to persuade the Germany striker to spend another season in north London.

Klinsmann, 30, has dropped broad hints that he wants to join Bayern Munich during the summer, after he was approached by Franz Beckenbauer, the Bayern president and coach during Germany's successful World Cup-winning campaign in 1990.

However, despite reports to the contrary, Francis said yesterday that no decision has yet been made. He also confirmed that it seemed almost certain that Gheorghe Popescu, the versatile Romania defender or midfield player, would leave Tottenham after less than a season at the club.

"On Saturday, we said that Sunday's meeting with Jürgen would be the first of many and that's exactly how it turned out," Francis said. "Despite everything that has been printed, the fact is that Jürgen hasn't made his mind up yet.

"Jürgen, Alan and myself had a very amicable conversation over a number of hours and over dinner, when we weighed up all the pros and cons of the situation. Of course, Jürgen will make up his mind at some stage, but in many ways I was quite optimistic at the end of the talks we had. It's still very much a possibility that he will be playing for us again next season and he certainly hasn't said he will not."

Francis did concede that the flurry of speculation, set in motion by Bayern and continued by the footballer of the year's own remarks, had not helped Klinsmann's form of late. "Just recently, it's all been getting to him a little bit and it can't do him any good for it to go on," he said. "The main thing is for Jürgen to make his decision as soon as he can. After that, he can concentrate on the rest of his footballing career."

Popescu, 27, who joined Tottenham from PSV Eindhoven in September, has scored three times this season, including the derby winner against Arsenal in January, but he does not like the style of English football and Francis said that it was evident that he had failed to come to terms with life in the FA Carling Premiership.

"Popescu has come in to see us and it is clear he hasn't really handled the English game," Francis said. "That's not unusual and many players have had the same problem in the past, which is why Jürgen's success has been that much greater, but Gica finds the physical side, the quickness of the game and the pace very difficult. He is injured, is not going to play again this season and he's told us how he feels, so it looks as if he'll be leaving."

The appeal of the European Cup could persuade Paul Gascoigne to join Rangers and move to Glasgow rather than a host of English clubs. Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, confirmed that his club has agreed a fee with Lazio for Gascoigne, 27, after talks between the clubs over the weekend. The price is thought to be around £4.5 million, but Smith must now wait to meet Len Lazarus, Gascoigne's adviser, to discuss personal terms.

Peter Francisco was yesterday suspended from competition for five years by the world snooker authority after being found guilty of a breach of rules during his defeat by Jimmy White at the world championship in Sheffield last month.

Klinsmann is still undecided whether to remain at Tottenham next season

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McGann adds a title to her big bank balance

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MICHELLE McGANN, of the United States, had earned more than $1 million during seven seasons as a professional golfer, but had never won a tournament. On Sunday, she shot a 68, four under par, to edge out Laura Davies, of England, the defending champion, by one stroke and claim the title in the Sara Lee Classic in Nashville, Tennessee.

McGann finished with a total of 202, 14 under par, and won $78,750 (about £50,000). Her victory left Alice Ritzman as the only tour player with $1 million in career earnings without a tournament title. McGann made six birdies in the final round on the Hermitage course, including one on the 16th hole to take the lead for good.

Davies, who led the tournament going into the final round, struggled with seven birdies and five bogeys to finish with a 70, dropping into a tie for second place with Kelly Robbins and Dottie Mochrie, of the United States.

Davies, the leading money-winner this season, sent her second shot on the 16th hole into the water for a critical bogey.

In Atlanta, Mark Calcavecchia scored birdies on four of the final six holes on Sunday to win the PGA BellSouth Classic, his first triumph in more than three years.

The former Open Championship winner shot a 66 to finish on 271, 17 under par, and beat Jim Gallagher by two strokes. Calcavecchia won $274,000 for his first success since the Phoenix Open in 1992.

He made an eagle on the 11th while Gallagher made bogey to pull the players even with seven holes remaining. Calcavecchia birdied the 13th, 15th, 17th and 18th to seal the victory.

John Daly made the stroke of the day, hitting a tee shot on the 335-yard, par-four 14th to 12 feet past the cup. The ball screwed back to within two inches of the cup and he tapped in for a birdie.

Steve Keppler failed in his attempt to become the first club professional to win a US PGA Tour event since 1974 after scoring a final-round 71 to finish on 274, good for third place.

Rifts appear in American team

Pedrick walks out over defenders' political approach

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

AS DENNIS CONNER and his American crew prepared to take on the New Zealand challengers last night in their second race for the America's Cup off Point Loma, splits had begun to appear in the San Diego defence structure.

David Pedrick, the chief designer to Conner's Stars & Stripes syndicate, resigned from the group that he has worked with for more than a decade in protest over the rule-bending, manipulations and politics that have dogged the defence trials.

"The reputation of yachting in general and Americans in particular has been tarnished by syndicate actions and defence decisions during the past six weeks," he declared. "These 1995 Cup trials have been a wake-up call that we cannot do business as usual in the future and expect to capture the support of the world, let alone sponsors."

It followed a similar outburst from Peter Blake, the head of the Team New Zealand challengers, when, shortly before his *Black Magic* crew routed Conner's team in the opening race of the America's Cup, he complained about the way in which the rules were changed first to allow Conner to join his two rivals in the defence finals after being knocked out in the semi-finals, then swap boats for the Cup series.

"If you can't win by fair means, just change the rules and see what you can get away with," Blake said. "That is how San Diego has played this. If we are fortunate to win this, we are going to clean it up. It is going to be fair for both groups, an event that people will want their sons and daughters to get involved in because they can see they have a fair sporting chance of getting through and actually winning the Cup."

Conner: controversial

Pedrick said that the fundamental question is whether the America's Cup should tolerate letting the defenders play by different rules than the challengers, rather than adhering to consistent rules of fair play.

"Is the American approach to the America's Cup to be a team sport concept, or to win at all costs?" he asked. "After winning the league championship play-offs, a baseball team doesn't then cast about for an all-star team to play in the World Series. Clearly, the challengers believe in a normal sporting system and have been outraged by the collusion among the American syndicates, culminating in the swapping of boats a week before the Cup began."

What has outraged Pedrick is the fact that it was his boat, *Stars & Stripes*, that Conner chose to swap for Kevin Mahaney's *Young America*. "That decision was a big mistake," he said. "*Stars & Stripes* defeated *Young America* in the hardest-fought defence trials. It is optimistic to believe that a crew from one yacht can get peak performance from another yacht with less than a week to prepare. It is also a manipulation of the rules and an outright shift in the spirit of the race."

A poll among members of the San Diego Yacht Club, published yesterday, showed that 70 per cent of the membership want the America's Cup to go elsewhere. The members are not alone. Paul Cayard, the *Stars & Stripes* helmsman, yesterday said that he, too, wanted a new venue, although for a different reason.

"It's a fundamental problem to have one of the competitors organising the event," Cayard said. "It would be like having Boris Becker saying 'Come on over to my house, we're going to have a $500,000 tournament in my back yard and I'm going to stand on this side because the sun is always coming from here and my court is about three feet shorter than your court.'"

Richie Richardson, the West Indies cricket captain, insisted that his team would "bounce back" after the 2-1 defeat by Australia when the party, managed by Wes Hall, arrived at Gatwick Airport yesterday to start a four-month tour of England during which six Test matches be played. "We have put that result behind us," Richardson said. "Of course it hurt to lose, but we are only human, we are going to lose sometimes. We must make sure we don't lose too often. We are not afraid of England; we think that we can beat them." Photograph: Julian Herbert

Harris offer forces rethink

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

PLAYERS, including Jonathan Davies, Jason Robinson and Gary Connolly, who were due to forfeit international status after the World Cup in October by joining the Australian Rugby League (ARL), will, after all, be available for selection for the duration of their contracts in England.

Davies and Robinson have two years to go, and Connolly three, before they move to Australia. The Rugby Football League (RFL) changed its position after a reported £70,000 offer by the ARL to Iestyn Harris, 18, Davies's teammate at Warrington.

Harris rejected the offer, which apparently would have involved him agreeing not to represent Wales or Great Britain after the World Cup. Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the RFL, has warned of legal action against the ARL.

"When players sign contracts, they agree to abide by the RFL bylaws, which state that they must make themselves available for international selection," Lindsay said. "If players are paid any money whatsoever not to play for their country, I regard it as absolutely disgraceful."

Widnes will drop legal action over their omission from the 12-team European Super League if their proposal is accepted for a play-off in the curtailed 1995-96 season to decide the ten Super League places alongside London and Paris. Jim Mills, the chairman, said: "We believe we have come up with an imaginative scheme. It's a fairer way of sorting out places than going off this season's final placings."

Warrington have agreed terms with Andy Currier, the Featherstone Rovers centre, a move likely to end speculation about Jeremy Guscott, the Bath centre, converting to league at Wilderspool. Bradford Northern have signed Tommy Hodgkinson, the St Helens hooker, and Oldham have agreed terms with Warrington for Francis Maloney, the former Great Britain under-21 stand-off half.

Such posts reminder to selectors

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Essex (24pts) beat Worcestershire (6) by 208 runs

ACCORDING to Raymond Illingworth, only 15 players, at the most, will figure in the debate before the selectors announce the England side for the first Test at Headingley. It is a fair bet that Peter Such's name is not on the shortlist. To ensure that it is, the Essex off spinner must carry on taking wickets as he did in this match.

Six second-innings wickets, allied to half a dozen the first time round, gave him a career-best match return of 12 for 178. Essex had the game won in mid-afternoon as the Worcestershire batsmen fell on their swords, initially in a brave attempt to chase the 446 they needed to win, subsequently to go down defiantly. Only Moody, with 79, and Haynes, who struck nine boundaries in a brisk 41, engaged the bowlers on equal terms.

Childs took three of the four remaining wickets, making it 18 in the match for the Essex spinners. To think this is the second week of May, too. Batsmen in teams visiting Chelmsford had better get their feet working for there will be many pitches like this, assisting bowlers who can turn the ball, and there cannot be too much wrong with that.

"It was not a really big spinning pitch", Such said. "The bounce was the main thing. No one was caught at short leg, so you can't really say it was a 'bunsen'. It may have turned a day early, but a pitch like that helps to produce entertaining cricket".

Fred Titmus, Illingworth's off spinning mate on the selection committee, was present and can prepare a kindly report on Such's bowling. True, there were some indiscreet strokes, but there will also be some poor strokes by the West Indians, who may play as many as four left-handers in their top order this summer, and who tend to mistrust the ball that turns past the bat.

It is easy to forget that Such played in the first three Tests last summer, against New Zealand, and he has certainly not relinquished all hope of resuming his international career. It will not hurt him to remember Illingworth's assertion that England were eager to pick men in form.

To be absolutely sure that he is ready for the Test series, and to put his mind at rest about his fitness — he bowled only eight overs on a helpful pitch — Hick needs to find some form. He was quickly into his stride yesterday, driving Such for six over long-off before, making room to cut, he was bowled by a ball that kept lower. Curtis had already gone, taken at gully as he fended off Hott, and the pattern had been established.

For a while, Haynes frolicked merrily. He then perished merrily, stumped as he charged Such. Moody played some fine strokes, sweeping Childs over the square-leg boundary, and looked set for his second hundred in successive days until he thrust a pad at Childs's arm ball and suffered for his misjudgment.

After that defeat by Leicestershire, when they took a significant first-innings lead, Essex have got going in the championship. This was a good game, graced by Such and Childs. Hussain's excellent slip catching and Gooch's cultivated biffing on the third afternoon. For their part, Worcestershire must do their prep more thoroughly.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

I described a few weeks ago a hand in which the declarer used loser-on-loser technique to convert a ruff in a dangerous suit into one in a safer suit. Here is a more extreme example from the entertaining book *Kosher Bridge*, by David Bird and Ron Klinger.

Dealer South **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

	♠84 ♥107642 ♦A95 ♣963	
♠Q1073 ♥AKJ93 ♦Q86 ♣4	N W E S	♠J2 ♥Q85 ♦KJ732 ♣J82
	♠AK965 ♥— ♦104 ♣AKQ1075	

S	W	N	E
1♠	1♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Contract: Five Clubs by South **Lead: Ace of hearts**

South ruffs the heart lead and has to decide how to set up the spades. If you try it out, you will find that all sequences of play involving ruffing spades in dummy fail — East can get two overruffs and South still has to lose a diamond.

The winning line, quite logical when you spot it, is to discard diamonds from dummy on the third and fourth rounds of spades. The declarer eventually gets a diamond ruff for his eleventh trick.

☐ The Imperial Cancer Research Fund is holding an evening of bridge at The Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, on May 22, hosted by Zia Mahmood. Tickets are £90 per pair, including buffet dinner (black tie) and Zia autograph. Details: Susie Corker, telephone 0171 269 3178.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Botvinnik's brilliancies

Mikhail Botvinnik, who died on Friday last week at the age of 83 in Moscow, was not just the dominating force in world championship contests from 1948 until 1963, he also produced some superbly brilliant finishes.

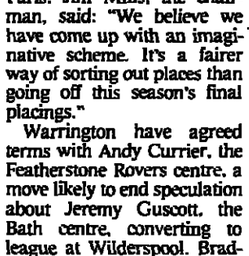
The game today is regarded by many as the greatest ever played. In it, Botvinnik humbles the mighty Capablanca with a sensational sequence of sacrifices.

White: Mikhail Botvinnik
Black: *Jose Capablanca*
Avro, 1938

Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e3	d5
5	a3	Bxc3+
6	bxc3	c5
7	cxd5	exd5
8	Bd3	0-0
9	Ne2	b6
10	0-0	Ba6
11	Bxa6	Nxa6
12	Bb2	Qd7
13	a4	Rfe8
14	Qd3	c4
15	Qc2	Nb8
16	Rae1	Nc6
17	Ng3	Na5
18	f3	Nb3
19	e4	Cxa4
20	e5	Nd7
21	Qf2	g6
22	f4	f5
23	exf6	Nxf6
24	f5	Rxe1
25	Rxe1	Re8
26	Re6	Rxe6
27	fxe6	Kg7
28	Qf4	Qe8
29	Qe5	Qe7
30	Ba3	Qxa3
31	Nh5+	gxh5
32	Qg5+	Kf8
33	Qxf6+	Kg8
34	e7	Qc1+
35	Kf2	Qc2+
36	Kg3	Qd3+
37	Kh4	Qe4+
38	Kxh5	Qe2+
39	Kh4	Qe4+
40	g4	Qe1+
41	Kh5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position

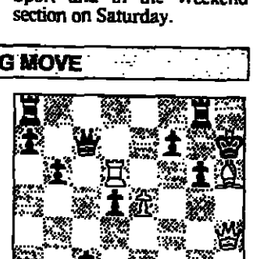


☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Duras — Olland, Carlsbad 1907. A discovered check can be a very powerful weapon as it creates the possibility to move a piece to a square where, temporarily at least, it will be invulnerable. How did White make the most of such a chance here?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LEAMER
a. A stooker
b. A bouncer at cricket
c. A ripe nut

MAREMMA
a. A mother superior
b. The Phoenician 'MR'
c. Saltmarsh

MOOLVEE
a. An Islamic doctor
b. A green oyster
c. A palm-leaf sunhat

LARUM
a. A battle-cry
b. The laurel in flower
c. A household god

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FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 5 Atlanta 4; Montreal 9 Florida 3; Pittsburgh 4 Chicago 3, Cincinnati 8 New York 4, St Louis 8 Houston 5; Los Angeles 12 Colorado 10; San Francisco 11 San Diego 4. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 10 Minnesota 9; Boston 12 Detroit 1; Baltimore 6 Toronto 2; Milwaukee 9 New York 1; Kansas City 7 Chicago 5, Oakland 8 Texas 6, Seattle 3 California 2

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Western Conference: First round: Houston 95 Utah 91 (Houston win best-of-five series 3-2) Eastern Conference: Semi-finals: Indiana 107 New York 105 (Indiana lead best-of-seven series 1-0); Orlando 94 Chicago 91 (Orlando lead best-of-seven series 1-0)

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: * Bradfield 114, Eton 115-7, * Colchester RGS 118, Culford 122-8, * Downside 166, Blundells 169-7, Emanuel 255-5 (A Simeons 107), * Wallington 214; Haberdashers' Aske's 210-3 (J Belmona 104 not out), * OE Barnet 190, * Haileybury 197, Bedford 198-9; Oakham 159, * Dundle 160-6, * St Dunstan's 171-7, UCS 143-9, ICL 129-8, * St Edmund's, Ware 133-4

CYCLING

THWAITES BREWERY GRAND PRIX TOUR OF LANCASHIRE: Final overall: 1, C Lillywhite (Nanmmor) 10.17.53. 2, G Thomas, (Leek CC) at 2sec. Team: Optimum Performance RT 30 55:01

FOOTBALL

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final, second-leg: Inter Cardiff 3 Ton Pentre 3 (aet. Ton Pentre win 5-4 on agg)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 3 Crystal Palace 1, Mansfield 3 Blackpool 2.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Wolverhampton 2 Rotherham 2, Everton 7 Derby 2; Sheffield Utd 0 Leeds 1. Second division: Preston 0 Huddersfield 0

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Trafford 2 Penrith 4.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Pegasus Juniors 0 North Leigh 0. Premier division cup: Final: Swindon Supermarine 1 Cinderford 2.

GOLF

ROYAL LYTHAM: Lytham Trophy: Final scores: 281: S Gallacher (Bathgate) 75, 69, 70, 67. 282: G Sherry (Kilmarnock) 70, 71, 69, 72. 285: M Eliasson (Swe) 74, 71, 72, 68. 288: M Blackey (Hayling) 76, 69, 69, 72. 287: C Evans (West Monmouth) 75, 72, 66, 74, D Streater (Stretford) 72, 73, 70, 72.

THE BERKSHIRE: Berkshire Trophy: Final scores: 276: G Harris (Broome Manor) 65, 72, 69, 69. 277: M Trelawen (Hayling) 68, 70, 68, 71. 278: T Ryder (Drayton Park) 72, 69, 67, 70, J Harris (Nevill) 68, 68, 75, 67, L James (Broadstone) 65, 69, 75, 69. 280: B Sandry (Exeter) 71, 70, 72, 67, R Walton (Calcot Park) 71, 68, 71, 70. 281: F Lubemau (Ger) 69, 75, 65, 72; C Challen (Stoke Poges) 70, 69, 72, 70.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Women's tournament (US unless stated) 202: M McGann 69, 65, 68. 203: L Dawes (GB) 64, 69, 70, D Mochrie 67, 71, 75, K Robbins 68, 67, 68. 205: J Geddes 69, 70, 66. 206: J Lidback (Per) 69, 68, 69, H Alfredsson (Swe) 70, 68, 68. 207: C Walker 67, 69, 71. 208: C Pierce (GB) 68, 69, 71, M Figueiras-Dotti (Sp) 70, 70, 68, E King 72, 71, 65; B Thomas 71, 70, 67.

MARIETTA, Georgia: Men's tournament (US unless stated). 271: M Calcavecchia 67, 69, 69, 66. 273: J Gallagher 65, 70, 69, 70. 274: S Keppler 67, 69, 67, 71. 275: C Strange 70, 71, 69, 65; S Verplank 72, 67, 67, 69, G Boros 71, 67, 67, 70.

HOCKEY

AEWHA CUP: Semi-finals: Exmouth 1 Hightown 3, Trojans 0 Balsam Leicester 0 (4-3 on pens). Plate: Semi-finals: Kettering 1 Liverpool 1 (4-5 on pens), West Bromwich 0 Crimson Ramblers 4.

HAMPSHIRE CUP: Final (at Bournemouth) Havant 3 Trojans 2

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION YOUTH CUP: Under-18 (Cannock) Pool C: Calday Grange 0 Kingston GS 2. Simon Langton GS 0 Wellington College 0. Simon Langton 4 Calday Grange 2: Wellington 0 Kingston 1; Calday Grange 2 Wellington 3; Kingston 1 Simon Langton 2. Pool D: Millfield 5 RGS Newcastle 0, Uppingham 2 Watford GS 3, Uppingham 1 Millfield 2; Watford 2 RGS Newcastle 1, Millfield 7 Watford 0; RGS Newcastle 2, Uppingham 5 Semi-finals: Simon Langton 3 Watford 1, Millfield 1 Kingston GS 1 (Millfield won 4-3 on penalty strokes) Final: Millfield 3, Simon Langton 0 Under 16 (Birmingham) Pool A: Exeter 1 Framlingham 0; Perse 1 Exeter 1, Perse 1 Repton 0; Repton 3 Framlingham 2, Exeter 0 Repton 1, Framlingham 2 Perse 3 Pool B: Eastbourne 2 Hull 0, King's, Macclesfield 0 St George's, Weybridge 3, St George's 0 Hull 1; King's 1 Eastbourne 2, Eastbourne 0 St George's 7; Hull 4 King's 2. Play-offs: Perse 0 Eastbourne 1, Repton 3 Perse 0; Repton 1 Eastbourne 1 (Repton win tie).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs (first games in best-of-seven series). Eastern Conference: Quarter-finals: New Jersey 5 Boston 0; Philadelphia 4 Buffalo 3. Western Conference: quarter-finals: Detroit 4 Dallas 3; St Louis 2 Vancouver 1; San Jose 5 Calgary 4, Toronto 5 Chicago 3

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Premiership: First round: London Broncos 28 Whitehaven 1

WINFIELD CUP: Sydney Bulldogs 0 Manly-Warringah 26

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Exeter 50 Wolverhampton 46, Ipswich 54 Arena Essex 42

TABLE TENNIS

TIANJIN, China: World championships: Final: China 3 Sweden 2 13th-16th place play-off: England 3 Holland 0 (England names first). D Douglas bt G Bakker 21-6, 21-12; C Prean bt Chen Sung 21-17, 21-17. A Cooke bt D Hesler 13-8, ret. England finish 13th. Women: Final positions: 1, China, 2, South Korea, 3, Hong Kong. Others: 10, England, 49, Wales, 61, Ireland, 62, Scotland.

TENNIS

ATLANTA: Men's tournament: Final: M Chang (US) bt A Agassi (US) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4

HAMBURG: German Open: First round: G Schaller (Austria) bt H Skoff (Austria) 6-3, 6-0, J Stemmik (Holl) bt M Sinner (Ger) 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, D Prinosil (Ger) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; M Gaudinar (Ger) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 6-1, 6-4; A Costa (Sp) bt A Cherkasov (Russ) 6-4, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, P Korda (Cz) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 7-6, 6-3; S Dosedel (Cz) bt T Gollwitzer (Ger) 7-6, 7-5.

ROME: Italian women's open. First round: N Tauziat (Fr) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-3, 6-3, J Kruger (SA) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-3, 7-5, K Habsudova (Slovak) bt S Testud (Fr) 6-4, 6-4; S Cecchini (It) bt E Reinach (SA) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, N Baudone (It) bt F Bonsignori (It) 6-2, 6-4, F Perfetti (It) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-3, 6-2; V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) bt I Demongeot (Fr) 7-5, 6-3, R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt A Grossman (US) 6-4, 6-3, S Stafford (US) bt D Graham (US) 6-2, 6-5, H Sukova (Cz) bt N Bradtke (Aus) 1-6, 6-1, 7-5

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday May 13

Coupon No. fixture, forecast

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Bell Park v Altona City X
2 East Altona v Chelsea 1
3 Moorabbin v Clifton Hill 1
4 Nunawading v Moor'lds'h 1
5 Regent v E Richmond X
6 Ringwood v E Brunswick 2
7 Waverley v Springvale W1

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
8 Banyule v Eltham 2
9 Prahstone v Fitzroy X
10 Sandr'ghm v S Cauf'fld 2
11 Seaford U v Melbourne 2
12 S Dandenong v W Vale X
13 Sunbury v Keilor 2

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
14 Langwarrin v Cono 1
15 Monbulk v Cranbourne 2
16 S Springvale v Geelong 1
17 S Wantirna v Warrnt'nX
18 Stonnington v Brighton 1
19 Yarraville v Dovelon 1

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
20 Glenroy v Knox Pk 1
21 Heidelberg v Ballarat 2
22 Lalor v Old Scotch X
23 Melton v Springvale C 2
24 Mitcham v Geelong R 2
25 Moreland v Brandon Pk 1
26 N Sunshine v Dand'n'gn

VICTORIA SIXTH DIVISION
27 Brunswick C v Braeside 2
28 Hampt'n v E Nunaw'd'gn
29 Hoppers v Berwick 2
30 Keysboro v N Glenroy 1
31 Lyndale v Br'dm'd's U 1
32 Meadow v Mornington 1
33 Monash v S Yarra X

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
34 Athena v Fremantle 1
35 Sorrento v Inglewood 2
36 Stirling C v Bayswater 2
37 Stirling M v Swan IC 2

WEST AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
38 Balcatta v Ashfield 1
39 Cockburn v Morley 1
40 Dianella v S Vardar X
41 Kingsway v Bass'hd'n 1
42 N Perth v Rockingham 1
43 Southside v Melville 1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE
44 Adelaide R v Port Lion 1
45 B Eagles v Campb'ft'n 1
46 Woodville v Croydon 2

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
47 Adelaide C v Elizabeth X
48 Cumberland v Seaford 1
49 Enfield v W Adelaide 1
50 Noarlunga v Birkalla 2
51 Olympians v Plympton X

TASMANIA NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE
52 Devonp't v George'n 1
53 Somerset v S Leonards X
54 W Sub v Ulverstone X

TASMANIA SOUTH FIRST DIVISION
55 Metro v Dosa 1
56 Phoenix v Kingborough 1
57 Taroona v Howrah X
58 University v W Eagle 1

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Bell Park, Regent, Frankston, South Dandenong, South Wantirna, Lalor, Monash, Dianella, Adelaide City, Olympians, Somerset, Taroona.

BEST DRAWS: Bell Park, Regent, Lalor, Monash, Olympians.

AWAYS: Eltham, South Caulfield, Cranbourne, Geelong Rangers, Braeside, Berwick, Bayswater, Swan IC

HOMES: Moorabbin, Yarraville, Moreland, North Sunshine, Keysborough, Meadow Park, Altona, Balcatta, North Perth, Blue Eagles, Cumberland, Devonport

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership
Ipswich v Everton (7.45) .....
Leeds v Crystal Palace (7.45) .....
Tottenham v Coventry (7.45) .....

11.0, 55 overs

DIADORA LEAGUE: Carlsberg Trophy: Final: Collier Row v Metropolitan Police.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Godalming and Guildford v Eton Wick; Peppard v Viking Sports: Westfield v Cranleigh, Bedfont v Cobham.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Luton (at Kingstonian, 2.0); Millwall v Bristol City (2.0), Queens Park Rangers v Tottenham (at Harrow Borough, 7.0), Swindon v West Ham; Watford v Norwich (2.0). Second division: Bath v Exeter (at Keynsham).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Tranmere v Stoke (7.0) Second division: Manchester City v Grimsby (6.45), Oldham v Newcastle (at Stalybridge, 7.0), Port Vale v Huddersfield (7.0).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Brighton v Wimbledon

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Glossop North End v Nantwich

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE. Premier division: Diss v Wisbech; Wroxham v Hadleigh

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE CUP: Final: North Ferriby v Stocksbridge PS

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Heworth v Wooleton (7.30)

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.0, 55 overs

THE PARKS: Combined Universities v Hampshire

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Gloucestershire

CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Middlesex

COMBER: Ireland v Kent

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Warwickshire

JESMOND: Minor Counties v Durham

TAUNTON: Somerset v Surrey

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three). Derby: Derbyshire v Durham. Ammanford: Glamorgan v Kent. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire. Uxbridge: Middlesex v Lancashire. The Oval: Surrey v Essex. Bingley: Yorkshire v Warwickshire.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Commonwealth light-heavyweight championship: Garry Delaney (Eng) v Noel Magee (N Ire) (at Basildon)

TENNIS: Men's and women's exhibition tournaments (Lee-on-Solent).

Twose breaches Surrey's defence

Hollioake makes Warwickshire sweat for victory

BY JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (22pts) beat Surrey (3) by 91 runs

ADAM HOLLIOAKE is highly-regarded in the Surrey camp — not least by Alec Stewart, his captain — as a good bits-and-pieces player who should, before long, be given international recognition, certainly in the Texaco Trophy. Be that as it may, there were those at Edgbaston yesterday who will vouch for his batting ability. He gave Warwickshire a severe bout of indigestion after lunch, which had slipped down nicely with Surrey, needing 393 to win, on 116 for eight. This left, it seemed, only grace after meat to be said.

In company, first with Richard Nowell, that highly-promising young cricketer, then with Joey Benjamin, Hollioake tore into the Warwickshire attack. It was an attack in which Allan Donald felt capable of bowling only one over, off his short run, and lacking Dermot Reeve, but it was, nevertheless, one which had seen off seven batsmen during the morning session. Gladstone Small and Roger Twose had shared six wickets bowling from the Pavilion End by taking advantage of a pitch from which the ball at times kept dangerously low.

In scoring his undefeated 117 from 114 balls, Hollioake stood well out of his ground in order to mitigate the problems posed by the bowling from that end. At the same time, he launched an onslaught on the spin of Richard Davis and Neil Smith, bowling from the other. It was striking of the highest class which brought him 13 fours, together with three sixes, all scored in an over from Davis, which took Hollioake from 75 to 97.

This, the fifth century of his career, was one to relish, but, truth to tell, it was made in circumstances in which there was nothing to lose, against an attack lacking, in Donald, the man who had constituted the greatest difference between the teams.

Donald's sore foot has not ruled him out of consideration for the Benson and Hedges Cup match today against Leicestershire, and Warwickshire were sufficiently confident of eventual victory to allow Small and Twose to see them through after the South African had felt uncomfortable during his one over.

There were distinct signs of concern, though, when Nowell was dropped by Grant Flower, one of three substitutes, from a straightforward chance in the gully immediately after lunch, when he had made five. Concern turned to exasperation when Hollioake offered his one chance, a difficult one to slip off Davis when he was 46.

These concerns were well-founded. Nowell went on, increasingly confidently, to help Hollioake in a partnership worth 86 from 22 overs. Then came Joey Benjamin. Not a man noted for his staying power at the crease, Benjamin nevertheless played precious few false strokes while contributing to a last-wicket partnership of 100 while Warwickshire were ploughing manfully through another 14 overs.

Both Nowell and Benjamin eventually fell to Small, who performed nobly in bowling 17 overs and finishing with five wickets. He took the first three to fall yesterday, but it was Twose who promoted the false dawn promised by the lunch-time score.

Brought on to rest the flagging Small and as a preliminary, so we thought, to an eventual lethal burst from Donald, Twose took three wickets in nine balls. Stewart and Brown had both been well set before falling to him, and when Pigott was brilliantly taken at short leg from the first ball he received, the rest seemed a formality.

That, of course, was before we realised the capabilities of Hollioake and the staying powers of Nowell and Benjamin. When Small bowled Benjamin, with a trimmer, to take the final wicket, a collective sigh of relief went round the ground.

The champions have begun their campaign with two victories, but, with Reeve out of action, Donald in some doubt, Piper with shoulder problems, Ostler off the field yesterday with a damaged knee and Munton yet to play, they are having their problems.

Not the least of those may be Alec Stewart's views on the pitch. "It was a poor four-day wicket," he said. "Allan Donald's speed was the difference between the two sides. And I want to make it clear that this is not a case of sour grapes."

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Glamorgan (18)	2	2	0	0	7	8	47
Warwicks (1)	2	2	0	0	6	8	46
Northants (5)	2	1	1	0	8	8	32
Essex (6)	2	1	1	0	8	8	32
Derbyshire (17)	2	1	1	0	7	8	31
Durham (16)	2	1	1	0	1	8	25
Middlesex (4)	2	1	1	0	1	8	25
Leics (2)	2	1	1	0	2	7	25
Sussex (8)	2	1	1	0	3	5	24
Surrey (7)	2	1	1	0	3	5	24
Lancashire (10)	1	1	0	0	4	4	24
Yorkshire (14)	1	1	0	0	3	4	23
Notts (3)	1	1	0	0	1	4	21
Kent (9)	2	0	2	0	8	6	14
Glouces (12)	2	0	1	1	8	5	13
Somerset (11)	2	0	1	1	5	7	12
Hampshire (13)	2	0	2	0	0	8	8
Worcs (15)	1	0	1	0	2	4	6

1994 positions in brackets

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Lift-off for Wells, the Sussex captain, the centre of congratulations after running out de Silva from cover

Dashing Symonds banishes thoughts of defeat

BY RUPERT COX

TAUNTON (final day of four): Somerset (6pts) drew with Gloucestershire (5)

A FORTHRIGHT innings of 102 from Andrew Symonds, allied to an obdurate 81 from Dean Hodgson, saved Gloucestershire from the ignominy of losing successive championship matches from promising positions.

Although the game had been heading for a draw from an early stage, the last day was not without intrigue. When Mark Alleyne's ugly heave, soon after lunch, left Gloucestershire faltering at 187 for five, their lead was only 133. Memories of the aberration at the Oval in their first championship game of the summer must have abounded in the dressing-room.

Symonds, 19, possesses a powerful array of shots and an air of confidence doubtless instilled in him at the Australian Cricket Academy. Helmetless and uncomplicated, he guided Gloucestershire to safety in aggressive fashion.

It was his second century in successive matches, boosting his first-class aggregate to 272 runs from three completed innings. He faced 137 balls, hitting 15 fours and two straight sixes off Somerset's toiling spinners.

Somerset must also take some credit for entertaining a paltry bank holiday crowd. With their opening bowlers unable to participate, they were severely hampered but stuck to the task well. The injuries afforded Harvey Trump the opportunity to impress with his off spin and he duly finished with the commendable figures of five for 85 from 40 tidy overs, upstaging the erratic Mushtaq.

Trump can now look forward to putting plenty more overs under his belt, as Andrew Caddick and Andre van Troost have exacerbated shin and lower back injuries respectively and are likely to have lengthy lay-offs. It is a cruel blow for Somerset, who have a difficult Benson and Hedges Cup match with Surrey today, particularly when one considers the depth of Surrey's batting.

They must also improve on some shoddy fielding. A host of chances went begging in this match, and, with such a threadbare attack, they can ill afford such profligacy in any form of cricket.

With the dismissal of Symonds, the game petered out, with Gloucestershire's lower order intent on some amiable practice as they batted out time. How the game lacked the extra pace and inspiration of Courtney Walsh, whose 11 wickets for 143 in the corresponding fixture last season seemed a distant dream for Gloucestershire.

Atherton prolongs his prolific run

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (24pts) beat Durham (5) by eight wickets

MICHAEL ATHERTON, the England captain, hit his second first-class century of the season, and his fourth in all, as he guided Lancashire to an eight-wicket victory over Durham at Old Trafford yesterday.

Atherton hit 19 fours in his unbeaten 155 made from 265 balls as Lancashire reached their victory target of 312 with a minimum of fuss to begin their championship season with a maximum haul of 24 points.

Atherton had previously scored 129 in the four-day match against Yorkshire, 114 against Warwickshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup and 103 in the Sunday League match with Durham. His century yesterday was his fourth against Durham and the 36th of his career.

One delivery from Glen Chapple, which bowled Simon Brown, served to close the Durham second innings at 432, leaving John Wood unbeaten with 40. Brown, handicapped by the ankle injury that he sustained on Friday, was unable to play any further part in the match and Durham missed him badly on a pitch which showed some signs of wear.

Atherton put on 94 for the first wicket with Jason Gallian, then 179 in 32 overs with John Crawley, his England colleague, who scored his 81 from 93 balls, although he was missed by John Morris at long leg before he had scored.

Atherton, when 22, survived a loud appeal for a bat-pad catch by Mike Roseberry at silly point when facing James Boiling, the former Surrey off spinner, but otherwise seemed in total control, showing encouraging form for his coming jousts with the West Indies fast bowlers.

Hemmings calms Sussex nerves

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HOVE (final day of four): Sussex (23pts) beat Kent (8) by 75 runs

RAMPAGING through the morning session with the vigour and joy of a team convinced of its own potential, Sussex suffered the familiar shivers of self-doubt before this game was won. As Mark Ealham resisted staunchly for the second time in an intriguing match, it was Eddie Hemmings, a man who was playing county cricket before he was born, who put Sussex out of their misery.

There is a sense of wonder, these days, when Hemmings takes the field for each new season. He probably feels it himself. Greyer, tubbier and less mobile, as he is entitled to be at the grand old age of 46, what Hemmings has not lost is the rhythm and groove of his off spin. Sussex had good reason to be thankful when Kent, ailing fast at 68 for six shortly before lunch, renewed hope and ambition through a seventh-wicket stand of 126.

Ealham and Steve Marsh had come together with no immediate incentive other than the delay of indignity, but batted with such good sense — absent in most of their colleagues — that something loftier came enticingly into view. The target of 306 was 112 runs distant when Hemmings relieved the home team and its anxious supporters by taking three wickets for one run.

It was that kind of game, always something to divert and admire, the outcome never clear but also never in danger of being falsified. After three evenly contested days, Kent rightly fancied their chances on a pitch that had scarcely deteriorated, but Sussex won because they produced the most compelling bowling of the match when it mattered most.

This was all the more admirable for the fact that their options were so reduced. With Jarvis injured and Lenham ruled out, mid-match, by a rib problem, they now lost Giddins with an aching back. His head may have been spinning, too, after a Sunday game in which his first, 13-ball over included six wides and a no-ball, but at least it allowed Alan Wells to give the new ball to Jason Lewry.

He used it splendidly, causing all the top order anxiety by swinging the ball both into and across the right-handers. Lewry, 24, is strongly-built, with a smooth, simple left-armer's action, and it was his mid-morning spell of three for 12 in 28 balls that did more than anything to win the game. Walker and Taylor were leg-before and Benson, having pushed unconvincingly against the ball leaving him, finally got enough bat on one to give Moores a regulation catch.

By then, Stephenson, generating extra bounce down the slope, had given an exultant whoop as Ward, the form player in the Kent side, misjudged a pull and was taken behind. In mid collapse, de Silva, whose experience was so badly needed, confirmed impressions that he is not built for the sharp single. Wells, moving smartly to his left at cover, swivelled to hit the bowler's stumps from 20 yards with de Silva a mortifying three yards short. Sussex celebrated as if they had won the title, hoisting their captain off the ground. It was all a shade premature.

Fleming's plan, to sweep the spinners at every opportunity, brought him some runs, but also lost him his wicket, and Marsh did not, initially, hint at a long stay as he groped uncertainly against Salisbury. After lunch, however, both batsmen came increasingly onto the front foot to drive and Sussex had begun to fret, with some cause, when Hemmings took the 1,501st wicket of his career.

It was Marsh who fell, throwing back his head in disgust after hitting all round a ball that knocked back middle stump. Patel, sweeping, and Headley, swinging himself off his feet, did not detain the old man for long, but Wren improved his best first-class score and allowed Ealham to increase his match aggregate to 165 before Wells, the man of the match, took the final catch. The bowler, of course, was Hemmings.

Cottey finishes job for Glamorgan

BY PAT GIBSON

CARDIFF (final day of four): Glamorgan (23pts) beat Northamptonshire (8) by three wickets

GLAMORGAN have introduced an element of psychology into their match preparation, but sometimes a good kick in the backside can be as effective as anything.

That is what Hugh Morris, their captain, says they got when they finished bottom of the county championship last year. Their response has been to start the new season with six successive victories in all competitions.

A good example also helps, and Morris, himself, provided it yesterday by leading from the front with a century of character and discipline. It did look, at one stage, as though he might have to put the boot in again, but, in the end, the cool head of Cottey saw them to their second championship win, which is as many as they had all last season.

Glamorgan had been set to score 287 to beat Northamptonshire and they should have coasted home after Morris's partnerships of 57 with James, 109 with Hemp and 63 with Maynard had taken them to 229 for two; but then Maynard was caught behind aiming a reckless drive at Capel who went on to take three more wickets in four balls to induce a state of panic in the Welsh ranks.

Fortunately for them, Cottey, who had kept them in the game with his century in the first innings, was not about to see all that hard work undone and, first with Thomas and then with Kendrick, he completed the job with three wickets and 1¼ hours to spare.

Northamptonshire had shown a lot of character to run them so close. They were in disarray at the start of the final day with four players injured. Lamb, their captain, has a damaged hand, Ripley, the wicketkeeper, and Montgomerie have broken fingers, and Fordham, who had originally taken over the gloves, a bad back.

Lamb did take the field until the belated arrival of a replacement in the form of Phil Makinson, a club cricketer from St Fagan's, along with Bob Carter, the county coach, and Kirk Russell, the physiotherapist. The wicketkeeping duties went to Loye, who had never kept before, and that may have had great significance on a day when Kumble, the India leg spinner, presented the greatest threat to Glamorgan.

It was not that Loye performed badly. Indeed, Lamb thought that he did "a fantastic job", but it must have had a psychological effect on Kumble, who was in his 27th over before he took a wicket. As Lamb said, it must be difficult for a leg spinner to produce all his tricks with a novice behind the stumps.

The other reason for Kumble's lack of success was the way that Morris played him. Getting right forward and offering a straight bat, he was there for more than four hours, providing a perfect foil for the stroke-makers around him.

Kumble did make the initial breakthrough when he ran out James with a direct hit from third man, and he also deceived Hemp into giving him a return catch, but it was the ever-ambitious Capel who made Glamorgan fret by having Maynard and Morris caught behind and then removing Croft and Dale with successive deliveries.

Hindson spins out hesitant Derbyshire

BY IVO TENNANT

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of four): Nottinghamshire (21pts) beat Derbyshire (7) by 114 runs

TO THINK that, a week ago, Derbyshire had beaten Sussex in their opening championship match with such lofty disdain. Yesterday, they might have been a different side. Needing 211 to beat Nottinghamshire, nine wickets intact, they batted as if completely enfeebled.

In one sense they were, for neither Adams nor Wells was playing, and Krikken had chickenpox. Yet, on a pitch giving only the kind of help to Afford and Hindson, Nottinghamshire's two spinners, that they would expect on a fourth day, the batting was hesitant. That was to be expected from Cottam, the nightwatchman, but not from the middle order.

So Derbyshire have evidently embarked on another season of extremes: win two, lose three, draw not very many. Nottinghamshire, who finished high up the championship table last year, should be more consistent and will take succour from Hindson's return here. In 25 consecutive overs, he took four for 30, the four wickets being those of the most notable batsmen who remained. Barnett was taken at slip, cutting. Then O'Gorman and Cullinan, a century-maker in the first innings, both played on: Cork was leg-before prodding forward.

This was what Barnett had in mind when he referred to Derbyshire's batting as being too tentative. Indeed it was. By the end of the summer, Hindson will most probably be Nottinghamshire's first-choice left-arm spinner ahead of Afford, for they quite reasonably feel he is a prospect. Yet somebody should have tried to hit him off his length yesterday.

Cullinan no doubt would have done so once his eye was in, but he was not given the opportunity. The worth of a silly point for a spin bowler is not always apparent, in that his trajectory often becomes flatter. Robinson positioned himself there for much of the innings and, on this occasion, the ploy worked. Pushing forward without conviction, Cullinan was bowled by Hindson off the bottom of his bat.

Afford's figures improved markedly towards the end of the innings, when he bowled Owen round his legs and had Harrison well taken at short leg by Dowman. He also took the last wicket, that of Malcolm, who was indeed trying to take the attack to him. That is a fast bowler's way; but, by then, the match was as good as over.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Worcestershire

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Essex (24pts) beat Worcestershire (6) by 208 runs

ESSEX: First Innings 389 (G A Gooch 88, J B Lewis 75, R C Irani 63, R K Illingworth 4 for 80)

Second Innings 332 (G A Gooch 165, N V Radford 4 for 50)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 276 (T S Curtis 78, S J Rhodes 54; P M Such 6 for 84)

Second Innings

W P C Weston lbw b Such	18
*T S Curtis c Cousins b Ilott	22
G A Hick b Such	14
T M Moody lbw b Childs	79
G R Haynes st Rollins b Such	41
D A Leatherdale c Hussain b Such	0
†S J Rhodes st Rollins b Such	21
P J Newport not out	10
R K Illingworth c Robinson b Childs	5
N V Radford lbw b Such	17
A Wylie c Ilott b Childs	4
Extras (b 1, lb 5)	6
Total	237

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-40, 3-66, 4-122, 5-136, 6-198, 7-202, 8-209, 9-232.

BOWLING: Ilott 11-2-32-1; Irani 4-0-18-0; Such 33-9-84-6; Childs 22.3-9-60-3; Cousins 3-0-27-0.

Umpires: R Julian and A G T Whitehead.

Glamorgan v Northamptonshire

CARDIFF (final day of four): Glamorgan (23pts) beat Northamptonshire (8) by three wickets

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 377 (A J Lamb 124, A Fordham 57, J N Snape 55; N M Kendrick 4 for 98)

Second Innings 243 (S L Watkin 4 for 55)

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 334 (P A Cottey 116, A Dale 61; A R Kumble 5 for 65)

Second Innings

S P James run out	23
*†H Morris c Loye b Capel	109
D L Hemp c and b Kumble	58
M P Maynard c Loye b Capel	32
P A Cottey not out	29
R D B Croft lbw b Capel	0
A Dale c sub b Capel	0
S D Thomas c Curran b Kumble	14
N M Kendrick not out	2
Extras (b 9, lb 10, nb 4)	23
Total (7 wkts)	290

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-166, 3-229, 4-242, 5-242, 6-242, 7-270

BOWLING: Taylor 22.3-5-63-0; Capel 11-3-38-4; Kumble 41-9-94-2; Bailey 7-0-25-0; Snape 14-2-32-0; Curran 5-0-21-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and P B Wight.

Lancashire v Durham

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (24pts) beat Durham (5) by eight wickets

DURHAM: First Innings 249 (J E Morris 68; Wasim Akram 5 for 40)

Second Innings

*M A Roseberry b Wasim	13
W Larkins c Gallian b Watkinson	19
J Boiling b Wasim	1
J E Morris c sub b Watkinson	109
J A Daley c Crawley b Watkinson	55
M Prabhakar c Speak b Watkinson	1
M Saxelby lbw b Keedy	31
†C W Scott c Hegg b Gallian	56
J Wood not out	40
M M Betts lbw b Chapple	5
S J E Brown b Chapple	0
Extras (b 7, lb 18, w 1, nb 16)	42
Total	432

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-47, 3-51, 4-201, 5-219, 6-278, 7-382, 8-413, 9-432.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 32-6-112-2; Chapple 24.4-8-68-2; Watkinson 38-8-115-4; Keedy 25-2-85-1; Gallian 7-1-27-1.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 370 (M Watkinson 108, P J Martin 71, G Chapple 59; J Wood 4 for 54)

Second Innings

M A Atherton not out	155
J E R Gallian c Scott b Wood	43
J P Crawley c Morris b Wood	81
N H Fairbrother not out	13
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 3, nb 12)	22
Total (2 wkts)	314

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-94, 2-279

BOWLING: Wood 21-3-88-2; Betts 12-1-75-0; Boiling 34-6-93-0; Prabhakar 14-4-38-0; Roseberry 1.4-0-7-0.

Umpires: B J Meyer and K E Palmer.

Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire

NOTTINGHAM (final day of four): Nottinghamshire (21pts) beat Derbyshire (7) by 114 runs

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 244 (P Johnson 65, G F Archer 61; D G Cork 4 for 51, D E Malcolm 4 for 53)

Second Innings 302 (P R Pollard 85, C L Cairns 64; D G Cork 4 for 65)

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 312 (D J Cullinan 131; G W Mike 4 for 87, C L Cairns 4 for 83)

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Pollard b Hindson	37
A S Rollins c Noon b Evans	5
A C Cottam b Afford	32
D J Cullinan b Hindson	0
T J G O'Gorman b Hindson	4
J E Owen b Afford	6
D G Cork lbw b Hindson	2
P A J DeFreitas not out	11
T W Hancock c Dowman b Afford	6
D E Malcolm c Dowman b Afford	0
†K M Krikken absent	0
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 1, nb 2)	12
Total	120

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-56, 3-60, 4-77, 5-89, 6-96, 7-108, 8-114, 9-120.

BOWLING: Cairns 4-0-17-0; Evans 7-4-6-1; Afford 27.5-8-58-4; Hindson 25-11-30-4.

Umpires: N T Plews and J D Bond.

Somerset v Gloucestershire

TAUNTON (final day of four): Somerset (6pts) drew with Gloucestershire (5)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 424 (M A Lynch 105, A J Wright 75, M W Alleyne 71, A R Caddick 4 for 65)

Second Innings

A J Wright lbw b Hayhurst	47
G D Hodgson c Trescothick b Mushtaq	81
M A Lynch c sub b Trump	10
R I Dawson c Trescothick b Mushtaq	0
M W Alleyne c Lathwell b Trump	5
A Symonds c Turner b Trump	102
*†R C Russell c Mushtaq b Trump	35
J Srinath c Turner b Trump	0
M C J Ball not out	41
M Davies not out	9
Extras (b 7, lb 7, w 1, nb 2)	17
Total (8 wkts)	347

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-93, 3-100, 4-129, 5-187, 6-287, 7-287, 8-316.

BOWLING: Caddick 1-0-4-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 37-16-115-2; Rose 12-2-49-0; Trump 40-16-85-5; Hayhurst 13-6-26-1, Bowler 5-2-9-0; Trescothick 10-1-37-0; Lathwell 8-2-8-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings 478 (P D Bowler 136, P J Harden 103, A N Hayhurst 78, G D Rose 53; M Davies 4 for 86)

Umpires: A A Jones and G Sharp.

Sussex v Kent

HOVE (final day of four): Sussex (23pts) beat Kent (8) by 75 runs

SUSSEX: First Innings 323 (A P Wells 107, C W J Athey 62)

Second Innings

C W J Athey lbw b Headley	72
J W Hall lbw b Headley	0
E S H Giddins lbw b Wren	5
†P Moores c Fleming b Wren	5
*A P Wells b Headley	138
K Greenfield c Fleming b Headley	68
F D Stephenson c Ward b Patel	29
N J Lenham b Headley	0
I D K Salisbury lbw b Headley	0
J Lewry c Benson b Headley	3
E E Hemmings not out	0
Extras (b 6, lb 8, w 1, nb 10)	25
Total	343

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-14, 3-42, 4-145, 5-306, 6-317, 7-319, 8-319, 9-341.

BOWLING: Headley 26.4-9-58-7; Patel 34-10-102-1; Wren 22-3-68-2; Ealham 4-0-16-0; Fleming 10-2-23-0, de Silva 16-1-62-0.

KENT: First Innings 361 (P A de Silva 117, M A Ealham 88, F D Stephenson 4 for 86)

Second Innings

T R Ward c Moores b Stephenson	8
*M R Benson c Moores b Lewry	17
M J Walker lbw b Lewry	1
P A de Silva run out	0
N R Taylor lbw b Lewry	5
M V Fleming c Greenfield b Salisbury	27
M A Ealham not out	77
†S A Marsh b Hemmings	59
M M Patel c Greenfield b Hemmings	1
D W Headley st Moores b Hemmings	0
T N Wren c Wells b Hemmings	23
Extras (lb 1, w 5, nb 6)	12
Total	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-23, 3-24, 4-31, 5-42, 6-68, 7-184, 8-186, 9-198

BOWLING: Stephenson 13-4-49-1; Hemmings 19.1-4-63-4; Lewry 13-1-54-3; Salisbury 20-5-63-1

Umpires: G I Burgess and R A White.

Warwickshire v Surrey

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (24pts) beat Surrey (3) by 91 runs

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 470 (D P Ostler 208, D A Reeve 83)

Second Innings 210 for 4 dec (D P Ostler 88 not out)

SURREY: First Innings 288 (M A Butcher 54, A J Hollioake 53, A A Donald 6 for 64)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Donald	0
M A Butcher lbw b Small	4
†G J Kersey c Burns b Small	11
*A J Stewart lbw b Twose	33
G P Thorpe lbw b Small	15
A D Brown c Burns b Twose	36
A J Hollioake not out	117
Nadeem Shahid run out	2
A C S Pigott c Wasim b Twose	0
R W Nowell c Davis b Small	27
J E Benjamin b Small	32
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 14)	24
Total	301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-11, 3-36, 4-56, 5-104, 6-105, 7-114, 8-115, 9-201

BOWLING: Donald 2.4-0-13-1; Small 19.3-7-71-5, Reeve 0.2-0-1-0; Davis 31-8-93-0; Smith 12-0-63-0; Twose 11-0-50-3

Umpires: B Dudleston and P Willey.

Bailey poised to open

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, who have lost both of their Benson and Hedges Cup group matches, will meet Yorkshire at Headingley today with a makeshift line-up. In the absence of Richard Montgomerie and Alan Fordham, who have finger and back injuries respectively, Rob Bailey is likely to open the batting with Russell Warren.

Bailey will lead the side as Allan Lamb has a damaged wrist. Warren keeps wicket in place of David Ripley, the first choice behind the stumps, who has a broken finger. Yorkshire, who have opened the season in vibrant form, winning their two group matches, expect to be unchanged from the side that beat Leicestershire in the championship on Saturday.

Gloucestershire, aiming to secure qualification for the quarter-finals with a fourth successive victory, hope to have Kevin Cooper and Mike Smith back in their attack for the game against Essex at Chelmsford. Cooper has been out with a back problem while Smith missed the championship game with Somerset because of a thigh strain. Tim Hancock will return to the side in place of Dean Hodgson.

Gillespie is confident racecourse will provide good ground for Derby

Epsom taps appeal of Celtic Swing

By Julian Muscat

THE executive at Epsom racecourse has immediately responded to the proviso, issued by Peter Savill on Sunday, that Celtic Swing would miss the Derby in the event of fast ground.

Edward Gillespie, managing director of United Racecourses, the owners of Epsom, yesterday went to great lengths to highlight conditions at Epsom in recent years. Gillespie stressed the racecourse policy for the Blue Riband on June 10 was to provide good ground, as the going has been in four of the last five seasons.

"Irrespective of the weather, the racecourse has done a fine job in producing good ground," he said. If Savill's comments were intended as a veiled threat to the Epsom executive, they seem sure to have the desired effect. This year's Derby renewal is the first since Racecourse Holdings Trust completed the purchase of Epsom racecourse earlier this year.

Falling attendances are testament to the Derby's decline as a great sporting spectacle. A clash between Celtic Swing and Pennekamp, his 2,000 Guineas conqueror, is sure to boost the flagging fortunes of Britain's premier classic, and with it takings through the turnstiles. Fortunately for Epsom, there is a measure of consistency about the going to which it can adhere. Otherwise, Gillespie will have left himself open to criticism — which will probably surface anyway, although not from Pennekamp's connections.

Proven on fast ground, Pennekamp landed the Prix de la Salamandre on soft ground last season. However, there is no denying the French-trained colt's advantage over Celtic Swing on fast ground at Newmarket on Saturday.

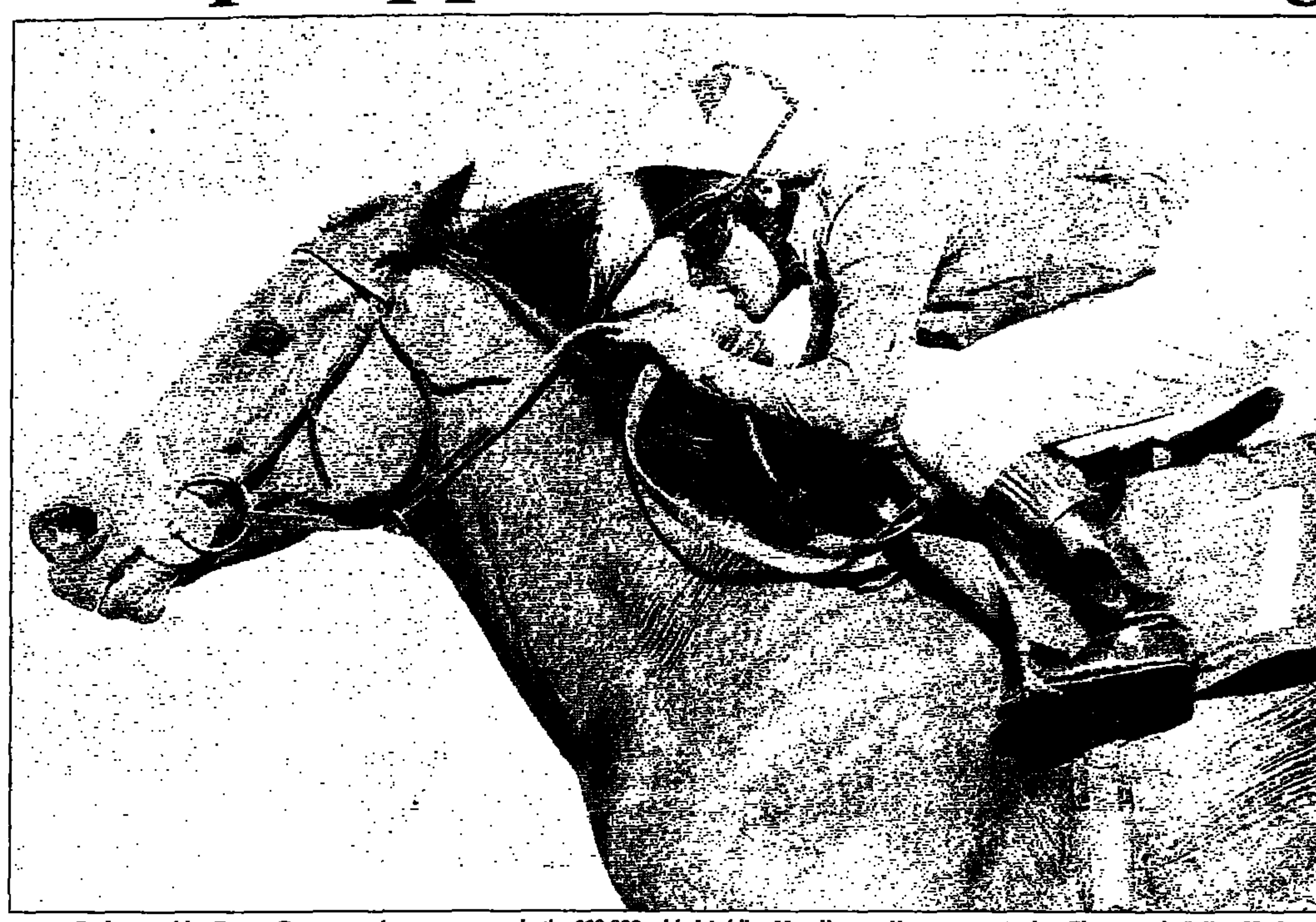
Gillespie agreed Celtic Swing's presence was fundamental to the Derby's success. "It would be a shame if Peter Savill is thinking negatively at this stage," he said. "We need to promote the race in a positive light. In that respect, Celtic Swing will help to a huge extent. It would most unfortunate if he missed the race. Racing needs his presence."

However, even if both horses revelled on fast ground, Gillespie insisted he would aim to produce good going on the day. Watering the racing surface is a contentious issue at the best of times. Should the track be extensively watered and the rains arrive on the eve of the race, the Derby will be run on Celtic Swing's favoured bottomless ground.

Sri Pekan, supplemented to the Derby two months ago, is to miss the race. The colt has failed to recover from the muscle injury he sustained in advance of the 2,000 Guineas and has Royal Ascot's St James's Palace Stakes on his agenda. Paul Cole, who trains the colt, said yesterday: "He should be 100 per cent sound by now but he is not quite there. The injury is obviously more serious than we thought but we won't know any more until the vets have thoroughly checked him over."

Cole's retained jockey, Richard Quinn, was ruled out of the Dante Stakes at York next week after incurring a four-day ban at Kempton yesterday. Quinn, riding Farani, was adjudged to have ridden irresponsibly when leaving the stalls in the Rhine Maiden Fillies' Stakes. He forfeits the Dante ride on Salmon Ladder, Cole's principal Derby hope. Farani broke a leg after three furlongs and was put down.

Six new Sunday meetings are likely to be added to the 24 this year when the 1996 fixture list is published next month. The extra fixtures will be spread around the existing 12 Sundays with racing, giving three cards on six Sundays. The beneficiaries are thought to be mainly smaller courses.



Perham guides Desert Green to a clear-cut success in the £30,000-added Jubilee Handicap at Kempton yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

LADBROKE CHESTER CUP
Chester, May 10

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Corals	Hills	Ladbrokes
Always Aloof	6-1	6-1	6-1
Top Cees	6-1	7-1	7-1
Thunderheart	9-1	8-1	8-1
Well Beloved	8-1	8-1	8-1
Harlestone Brook	10-1	8-1	8-1
Mondragon	12-1	10-1	12-1
Pridwell	12-1	10-1	12-1
New Reputation	10-1	11-1	10-1
Shujan	12-1	12-1	12-1
Moonlight Quest	14-1	12-1	12-1
Bardolph	12-1	14-1	12-1
Argyle Cavalier	14-1	12-1	14-1

THE great variety of British racecourses is highlighted this week by the switch of Flat racing's spotlight from the expanses of Newmarket Heath to Chester's tight amphitheatre. The betting highlight of the three-day meeting is tomorrow's Ladbroke Chester Cup, which takes in over two circuits of the track.

Always Aloof has been installed favourite as a result of showing improved form to win the Queen's Prize at Kempton last month. The handicapper has raised him a fair-looking 6lb for his two-length defeat of Moonlight Quest there, but he came under pressure six furlongs from home that day before outstaying his rivals in the final furlong. He may struggle to hold a prominent enough position during the early stages to make his stamina come into play here.

Pridwell has shown consistently high-class form over hurdles this winter and is undoubtedly well handicapped on his return to the Flat, but his stamina must be taken on trust. There are similar doubts over both Top Cees and Moonlight Quest.

A much better proposition is the John Dunlop-trained HARLESTONE BROOK. He could finish only ninth behind Always Aloof on his reappearance at Kempton but travelled well for much of the race and was not given a hard time once his chance had gone. He improved greatly for his first run last season, comes from a stable in tremendous form, will appreciate the extended 2¼-mile trip and is well treated on last season's form. He is likely to be vying for favouritism tomorrow and should be backed at 10-1 with Corals.

Sovereign Page to profit from swift resumption

CHESTER

C4

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.40: Barry Hills loves this track and his runners have achieved a level stake profit here over the past five years. **Sanmartino** can keep up the good work after a promising first run at Newmarket three weeks ago when he looked in need of the race but still finished three lengths fourth to Burning, having tired in the closing stages.

Michael Stoute is bringing a strong team to this meeting and Mackook, who holds Derby and Dante entries, will come on for his recent run at Kempton, his first since August. The Seeking The Gold colt ran on well to finish fourth and the two horses immediately in front of him have won since.

3.10: A good run by Hoh Express in the previous race would advertise the chances of Court Of Honour, his conqueror at Newmarket last year. Peter Chapple-Hyam's colt, the winner of a group two race in Italy last November over ten furlongs, is a strong galloper who looks sure to win good middle-distance races this term.

Singspiel did particularly well to go so close in the Classic Trial at Sandown ten days ago, having been held up in his work due to a punctured foot. The In The Wings colt, nominated by his trainer as a three-year-old to follow this term, will be straighter for that run and is a confident choice. Best of the remainder is Royal Scimitar, who had a confidence boosting success at Carlisle last time.

3.40: **Bedivere** looks very well treated at the weights and, after a promising seasonal reappearance at Newbury behind Crumpton Hill, the El Gran Senor colt can oblige. He showed his liking for a sharp track when scoring at Catterick last year. The lightly-raced Classicy won well at Catterick 13 days ago and is capable of better, along with Bettergeton and Heathyards Magic.

4.10: Ben Hanbury is wasting no time running the attractively-handicapped **Sovereign Page** after a good second at Newmarket on Sunday when the six-year-old was only caught by Herr Trigger close home.

The gelding goes well on a turning track and fast ground and is only 2lb higher than when winning at Epsom last year. The lightly-raced Quandary must have shown Henry Cecil enough at home to justify the four-year-old staying in training. Racing Brenda would have a great chance if reproducing the best of her all-weather form, while Benfleet failed to stay 1½ miles at Leicester ten days ago and will appreciate today's shorter trip.

Richard Evans

RICHARD EVANS

NAP: SINGSPIEL
(3.10 Chester)
Next best: French Grit
(7.00 Doncaster)

Hills: course specialist

CHESTER

THUNDERER

2.10 Il Doria. 2.40 Sanmartino. 3.10 Singspiel. 3.40 Dance Band. 4.10 **BENFLEET** (nap). 4.40 Sally Slade.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 **SINGSPIEL**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 **MACKOOK** (nap). 3.10 Singspiel. 4.10 Quandary.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 LILY AGNES CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £6,797: 5f 16yd) (7 runners)

101 (5) 3 WHAT FUN 8 (Noodles Racing) R Hannon 8-10 ... M J Kinane 88
102 (2) LE SPORT (J Marsden) D Nicholls 8-7 ... R Cochrane —
103 (1) SECRET VOUCHER (I Guise) B McMahon 8-7 ... T Quinn —
104 (6) 1 HOTLIPS HOULIHAN 12 (D,F) (H Ormesher) R Williams 8-5 ... D Biggs [99]
105 (7) 61 JUST LADY 18 (D,F) (Somerset and Dorset Racing) W G M Turner 8-5 P McCabe 97
106 (4) ELMSWOOD (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-2 ... B Thomson —
107 (3) IL DORIA (D & Rachel Platt) J Berry 8-2 ... J Carroll —

BETTING: 6-4 Elmswood, 7-2 Hotlips Houlihan, 4-1 What Fun, 5-1 Il Doria, 8-1 Just Lady, 16-1 Le Sport, 20-1 Secret Voucher.

1994: SHAMANIC 8-13 L Dettori (4-7 fav) R Hannon 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHAT FUN neck and 3l 3rd of 10 to Jolis Present in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good). LE SPORT (foaled Mar 20). Full brother by Dowsing to Dowdency, 7f winner at three years, dam 6f winner at four years. SECRET VOUCHER (Apr 29, cost 2,500gns). First foal by Vouchcate dam fair sprint handicapper. HOTLIPS HOULIHAN beat Badger Bay 1¾l in 12-runner maiden auction at Warwick (5f, good to firm). JUST LADY beat Double Point 3l in 10-runner claimer at Thirsk (5f, good to firm). ELMSWOOD (Mar 29) First foal by Woodman, dam placed in group III Nell Gwyn Stakes. IL DORIA (Apr 28: 30,000lrgns) Half-sister by Mac's Imp to listed sprint winners Another Episode, Palacegate Episode and Palacegate Jack.
Selection: HOTLIPS HOULIHAN

2.40 CHRISTLETON MAIDEN STAKES C4
(3-Y-O: £8,504: 1m 2f 75yd) (11 runners)

301 (8) 0 AMBIDEXTROUS 7 (Saeed Manana) C Brittain 9-0 ... M J Kinane —
302 (9) 0 BADDI QUEST 13 (Fares Stables) B Hanbury 9-0 ... Paul Eddery —
303 (2) 5-63 BERKELEY BOUNDER 15 (G Beck) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 85
304 (7) 0 HEATH ROBINSON 18 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... L Dettori 92
305 (5) 22- HOH EXPRESS 224 (HOH Supply Ltd) I Balding 9-0 ... R Cochrane 98
306 (10) 0-0 ISTABRAQ 13 (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 ... W Carson —
307 (1) 0-4 MACKOOK 22 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 94
308 (11) 4-5 MAIN OFFENDER 22 (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan 91
309 (3) 00-0 ROSCOMMON LAD 47 (Mrs T Graham) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... J Reid —
310 (6) 5 ROYAL SOLO 19 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... B Thomson 84
311 (4) 4 SANMARTINO 21 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills [99]

BETTING: 3-1 Sanmartino, 4-1 Hoh Express, 5-1 Royal Solo, Heath Robinson, 6-1 Main Offender, Mackook, 8-1 Berkeley Bounder, 10-1 others.

1994: FULL DEPOSIT 9-0 L Dettori (9-1) J Gosden 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BADDI QUEST 10l 9th of 16 to Sulb in maiden at Kempton (7f, good). BERKELEY BOUNDER 4l 3rd of 10 to Stone Ridge in maiden at Brighton (1m, good to firm). HEATH ROBINSON 12l 6th of 15 to Tamure in maiden at Newbury (1m 3f, good to firm). HOH EXPRESS ½l 2nd of 19 to Court Of Honour in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). ISTABRAQ 16l 12th of 23 to Riyadian in maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, good). MACKOOK 3¾l 4th of 21 to Minds Music in maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm) with MAIN OFFENDER 1¾l 5th. ROYAL SOLO 10l 5th of 10 to Charnwood Forest in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). SANMARTINO about 2¾l 4th of 13 to Burning in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: HOH EXPRESS

3.10 DALHAM CHESTER VASE C4
(Group III: 3-Y-O: £29,250: 1m 4f 66yd) (7 runners)

301 (2) 6131- COURT OF HONOUR 170 (G,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid 87
302 (1) 4-024 LUSO 10 (Saeed Manana) C Brittain 8-10 ... M J Kinane 90
303 (5) 5013-1 MARALINGA 32 (G) (D R & Mrs J B C Oliver) M Bell 8-10 ... M Fenton 84
304 (7) 0 NORTHERN LAW 17 (J Bradley) B Hills 8-10 ... M Hills 62
305 (6) 332-21 ROYAL SCIMITAR 11 (D,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-10 ... T Quinn 89
306 (4) 512-2 SINGSPIEL 10 (C,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-10 ... W R Swinburn [99]
307 (3) 0201-5 STIFFELIO 17 (G) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 8-10 ... L Dettori 87

BETTING: 2-1 Court Of Honour, 11-4 Singspiel, 3-1 Royal Scimitar, 8-1 Luso, Maralinga, 10-1 Stiffelio, 25-1 Northern Law.

1994: BROADWAY FLYER 8-10 M Hills (4-5 fav) J Hills 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

COURT OF HONOUR beat Double Eclipse 1¾l in group II race in Rome (1m 2f, good to soft). MARALINGA beat Proposing 1½l in conditions race at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). ROYAL SCIMITAR beat Fearless Venture 5l in maiden at Carlisle (1m 4f, good). Previously short-head 2nd of 12 to Sebastian in maiden at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). SINGSPIEL neck 2nd of 8 to Pentire in group III Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown (1m 2f, good) with LUSO 6¾l 4th. Previously 5l 2nd of 6 to Celtic Swing in conditions race at Ascot (7f, good to firm). STIFFELIO 6¾l 5th of 8 to Posidonas in conditions race at Newbury (1m 3f, good).
Selection: SINGSPIEL (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	14	46	30.4	W R Swinburn	12	46	26.1
H Cecil	9	34	26.5	R Cochrane	4	18	22.2
M Stoute	14	53	26.4	Paul Eddery	9	47	19.1
R Hannon	14	63	22.2	L Dettori	9	54	16.7
G Wragg	4	19	21.1	T Quinn	9	54	16.7
B Hills	12	60	20.0	J Carroll	11	81	13.6

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 TOTE CREDIT TROPHY HANDICAP C4
(3-Y-O: £18,148: 7f 122yd) (12 runners)

401 (9) 134-524 WELTON ARSENAL 7 (F) (Business Forms Express) M Channon 9-7 ... R Hughes 97
402 (1) 12-34 DANCE BAND 19 (D,G) (Abdullah Ali) B Hanbury 9-1 ... W R Swinburn 93
403 (10) 11404-3 BEDIVERE 18 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-6 ... J Reid [99]
404 (5) 2-12 LYFORD LAW 31 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-5 ... L Dettori 98
405 (2) 40-1 CLASSICY 13 (D,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-3 ... W Carson 92
406 (4) 0331-0 EMIRATES EXPRESS 38 (D,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Hills 8-2 ... R Hills 91
407 (11) 5441-1 BETTERGETON 18 (D,F,G) (D Boulton) P Bevan 8-0 ... S Sanders (3) 97
408 (6) 20400-0 SHIFTING MOON 18 (J Smith) I Balding 8-0 ... Paul Eddery 92
409 (12) 43-5 FLORIDANTE 22 (Lord Donoughmore) P Cole 7-11 ... C Rutter 93
410 (7) 502010- FLAMBORO 168 (D,G,S) (Footballers' Racing Club) J Bethell 7-7 ... J Quinn 91
411 (8) 5513-0 TIDAL REACH 24 (G) (G Ashton) A Bailey 7-7 ... G Bardwell 91
412 (3) 08-1 HEATHYARDS MAGIC 35 (G) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 7-7 ... N Carlisle 80

Long handicap: Flamboro 7-4, Tidal Reach 7-3, Heathyards Magic 7-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Classicy, 4-1 Lyford Law, 6-1 Bedivere, 7-1 Welton Arsenal, 8-1 Dance Band, Floridante, 10-1 Bettergeton, 14-1 others.

1994: MONAASSABAAT 9-6 W R Swinburn (4-1) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

WELTON ARSENAL 3¾l 4th of 5 to Lucky Parkes in conditions race at Bath (5f, good). DANCE BAND about 4¾l 4th of 10 to Indonesian in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). BEDIVERE 2l and neck 3rd of 14 to Crumpton Hill in handicap at Newbury (1m, good to firm) with SHIFTING MOON 14lb better off 6l 9th. LYFORD LAW 1½l 2nd of 8 to Clifton Fox in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). CLASSICY beat Dr Caligari 2½l in 15-runner maiden at Catterick (7f, good). EMIRATES EXPRESS beat Right Wink 1l in 13-runner maiden at Brighton (7f, good). BETTERGETON beat Barrel Of Hope ¾l in 7-runner handicap at Ripon (1m, good to firm). FLORIDANTE about 5¼l 5th of 12 to Alkasi in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm).
Selection: BEDIVERE

4.10 WALKER SMITH & WAY HANDICAP C4
(£10,502: 1m 2f 75yd) (10 runners)

501 (10) 3/0-2 QUANDARY 13 (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-10-0 ... W Ryan 85
502 (1) 41040-0 LAXFORD BRIDGE 22 (D,F) (Mrs P Hanci) P Harris 4-9-11 ... W R Swinburn 86
503 (2) 14611-1 SON OF SHARP SHOT 22 (D,F,G,S) (Windflower) J Dunlop 5-9-11 ... Paul Eddery 94
504 (6) 110120 BENFLEET 10 (D,BF,D,G,S) (C Donovan) R Armstrong 4-9-9 ... L Dettori 92
505 (9) 16345-2 SOVEREIGN PAGE 2 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Hanbury) B Hanbury 6-9-6 ... R Hughes [99]
506 (4) 3 D10-45 SADLER'S WALK 7 (D,BF,F) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-1 ... M Hills 90
507 (3) 0/3E010- DESERT POWER 304 (D,F,G) (R Williams) M Meade 6-8-12 ... R Price 88
508 (8) 4 4610- LESLEY'S FASHION 270 (D,F) (S Staicu) D Rench 4-8-11 ... T Quinn 86
509 (5) 420260- RACING BRENDA 218 (G) (C Whitaker) B McMahon 4-8-0 ... F Norton 83
510 (7) 60-2602 KILLICK 12 (C,F,G) (Esprit de Corps Racing) A Bailey 7-7-8 ... G Bardwell 88

BETTING: 5-2 Quandary, 7-1 Son Of Sharp Shot, 5-1 Sovereign Page, 6-1 Sadler's Walk, 7-1 Benfleet, 8-1 Laxford Bridge, 12-1 others.

1994: AMERICAN SWINGER 4-9-13 W R Swinburn (9-1) P Harris 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

QUANDARY 3¼l 2nd of 23 to Riyadian in maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, good). SON OF SHARP SHOT beat Hill Farm Dancer in 13-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 2f, good). BENFLEET neck and 1¼l 3rd of 22 to Special Dawn in handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with LAXFORD BRIDGE (2lb better off) about 4l 11th. SOVEREIGN PAGE head 2nd of 20 to Herr Trigger in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). SADLER'S WALK about 5¼l 5th of 12 to Clouded Elegance in handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm). DESERT POWER beat Nobely 1¾l in 7-runner handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start, June 1994. KILLICK ½l 2nd of 10 to Wonderful Day in handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: SOVEREIGN PAGE

4.40 PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £7,148: 5f 16yd) (8 runners)

601 (1) 31020-0 TART AND A HALF 10 (D,F) (P Boggis) B Meehan 9-7 ... T Quinn [99]
602 (6) 01-15 GOLDEN LADY 20 (BF,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) R Hannon 9-4 ... M J Kinane 93
603 (7) 210-501 SALLY SLADE 9 (D,F,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-3 (7ex) ... J Reid 94
604 (2) 104550- THE HAPPY FOX 208 (D,G) (G Whitaker) B McMahon 9-0 ... J Fortune 96
605 (3) 022-5 RASAS 18 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-12 ... R Hills 83
606 (4) 02124-2 TOTAL STRANGER 40 (D,F) (Total Asset Ltd) Mrs L Piggott 8-12 ... W Ryan 94
607 (8) 422251 LA SUQUET 4 (D,F) (B Buckley) M Channon 8-11 (7ex) ... P P Murphy (5) 98
608 (5) 221074 ONE FOR JEANNIE 5 (D,G) (Mrs J Jones) A Bailey 8-4 ... F Norton 89

BETTING: 3-1 Sally Slade, 7-2 Total Stranger, 9-2 Golden Lady, Rasas, 5-1 La Suquet, 12-1 The Happy Fox, 16-1 others.

1994: ROYALE FIGURINE 8-10 W R Swinburn (7-2) M Fetherston-Godley 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

TART AND A HALF best effort last season when ¾l 2nd of 16 to Try To Please in nursery at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). GOLDEN LADY about 2¼l 5th of 12 to Charming in handicap at Pontefract (6f, firm). Previously beat Cheedi 1¼l in 9-runner handicap at Brighton (6f, good). SALLY SLADE beat Youdontsay ½l in 15-runner handicap at Windsor (5f, good). RASAS about 4l 5th of 12 to Pelleman in rated maiden at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). TOTAL STRANGER 1l 2nd of 8 to Portend in handicap at Leicester (5f, soft). LA SUQUET beat Ninety-Five head in 11-runner handicap at Hamilton (5f, good to firm). ONE FOR JEANNIE beat Ultra Beet 2¾l in 7-runner claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f).
Selection: GOLDEN LADY

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NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

1.55 Robert's Toy. 2.25 Merlins Wish. 2.55 Broughton Manor. 3.25 Squire Jim. 3.55 Still In Business. 4.25 Surcoat.

Brian Beel: 3.55 Still In Business.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.55 DRINKLINK-ST AUSTELL BREWERY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,823: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1 -331 ROCA MURADA 11 (V,D,F) P Hobbs 6-11-8 ... G McCourt
2 00 BIG TICKLE 201 G Ham 6-11-2 ... C Maude
3 -P05 CHIPPENDALE LADD 22 (B) M Muggeridge 5-11-2 ... S McNeill
4 -454 MISSED THE BOAT 244 N Ayliffe 5-11-2 ... Guy Lewis (5)
5 0 MISS CARANGE 10 A Dunn 7-10-11 ... Peter Hobbs
6 PORPHYRIOS 220F K Bailey 4-10-11 ... N Williamson
7 50 ROBERT'S TOY 134 M Pipe 4-10-11 ... R Dunwoody
8 00 RUSTAVI 47 R Curtis 4-10-11 ... D Morris
9 P325 TENAYESTELIGN 11 D Marks 7-10-11 ... J A McCarthy
10 0-0 WHAT'S THE JOKE 91 D Wise 6-10-11 ... J Railton
11 04 LUCY'S CHOICE 12 Mrs S Williams 4-10-6 ... S Lyons (3)

2-1 Roca Murada, 3-1 Porphyrios, Tenayestelign, 5-1 Robert's Toy, 10-1 others.

2.25 PASSAGE HOUSE HOTEL NOVICES CHASE
(£3,420: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 U43P MERLINS WISH 171 (D,F) M Pipe 6-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 5P32 DAWN CHANCE 22 R Hodges 9-11-2 ... G McCourt
3 42UF HENLEY REGATTA 10 P Rodford 7-11-2 ... S Burrough
4 D04P LIBERTY JAMES 10 Mrs E Brooks 8-11-2 ... Mr David Jones
5 0000 LOCH GARANNE 31 (S) R Buckler 7-10-11 ... W Marston
6 P4P2 TUMBLED BRIDE 22 (S) V Greenway 9-10-11 ... B Powell
7 0PU1 STORM FALCON 17 (G) S Mellor 5-10-10 ... J Osborne

9-4 Storm Falcon, 3-1 Dawn Chance, Merlins Wish, 6-1 Tumbled Bride, 8-1 others.

2.55 FLYNNS BISTRO HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,388: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 4435 BROUGHTON MANOR 131 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 10-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 P05U IN THE NAVY 12 (F,G) R Buckler 9-11-7 ... B Powell
3 U612 CLEAR IDEA 18 (C,F) R Frost 7-10-4 ... J Frost
4 5314 RATHER SHARP 22 (CD,F,S) C Popham 9-10-0 ... N Williamson
5 -P0R SPICE MERCHANT 22 (F) N Mitchell 9-10-0 ... C Llewellyn
6 4034 FRED SPLENDID 34 (CD,S) R Hodges 12-10-0 ... A P McCoy

5-4 Broughton Manor, 7-2 Clear Idea, Rather Sharp, 5-1 In The Navy, 12-1 others.

3.25 SPA-TRANS PLAZA TORO HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,240: 3m 3f) (16)

1 64PF SQUIRE JIM 24 (F,G) N Twiston-Davies 11-12-0 ... C Llewellyn
2 P426 JONJAS CHUDLEIGH 2F (G) W G Turner 8-11-7 ... S Burrough
3 30U1 PUNCH'S HOTEL 12 (B,F,S) R Rowe 10-11-6 ... N Williamson
4 2254 STAR OF OUGHTERARD 22 (B,F) Mrs L Murphy 10-10-13 ... D Bohan (7)
5 2523 BOOGIE BOPPER 18 (V,C,S) M Pipe 6-10-12 ... R Dunwoody
6 P000 WOODLAND MINSTREL 64 (B,F,S) M Pipe 10-10-11 ... D Burrows (7)
7 3360 ST VILLE 12 (D,G,S) R Buckler 9-10-9 ... G Supple (7)
8 0-P4 NUT TREE 13 (B,G) D Wise 10-10-0 ... C Maude
9 3135 LIZZIES LASS 24 (F,G) F Gray 10-10-0 ... G Crone (7)
10 30P4 RAGTIME BOY 10 (V) C Barwell 7-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
11 0066 FAR TOO LOUD 8 (C,F,G,S) R Baker 8-10-0 ... B Powell
12 5050 AMILLIONMEMORIES 10 Mrs B Waring 5-10-0 ... E Byrne
13 0601 BAYLORD PRINCE 12 (F,S) Mrs J Ewer 7-10-0 ... Sophie Mitchell (7)
14 5-P0 LEANDER LAD 12 J Bowen 10-10-0 ... Mr J Culloty (7)
15 FP0 GORDON'S PET 13 P Wakely 9-10-0 ... G Hogan (5)
16 P/0 ANONA CROSS 15 S Jacobs 7-10-0 ... S Curran (3)

5-2 Punch's Hotel, 6-1 Woodland Minstrel, 7-1 Boogie Bopper, 8-1 Squire Jim, St Ville, 10-1 Jonjas Chudleigh, 12-1 Baylord Prince, 14-1 others.

3.55 TOTNES AND BRIDGETOWN NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,444: 2m 5f) (11)

1 -101 SPITFIRE JUBILEE 18 (F) Mrs L Sycklemoore 9-12-7 ... R Nuttall (7)
2 P0P- BEE-KAY-ESS 353P R Savery 12-12-0 ... I Dowrick (7)
3 UR34 CHANDIGARH 17P (S) F Bown 7-12-0 ... S Slade (7)
4 2PF5 CHUKAMILL 10P Mrs J Mills 7-12-0 ... Mrs J Mills (7)
5 PU21 GOOD KING HENRY 17P (G) Miss A Howard-Chappell 9-12-0 ... I Widdicombe (7)
6 -22U INDIAN KNIGHT 10P (F,G) C Green 10-12-0 ... C Vigors (7)
7 P-4P NEWSTARSKY 30P K Cumings 9-12-0 ... Miss J Cumings (7)
8 -P11 ON ALERT 17P (G) V Greenway 8-12-0 ... Mrs C Wonnacott (7)
9 -111 STILL IN BUSINESS 10P (F,G,S) R Barber 7-12-0 ... Miss P Curling (5)
10 1321 STOKE HAND 22P (F,G,S) C Wilton 11-12-0 ... C Heard (7)
11 P31P LARKY MCALROY 10P (F) Mrs K Horsburgh 9-11-9 ... Miss S Vickery (7)

6-4 Still In Business, 5-2 Indian Knight, 5-1 Spitfire Jubilee, 8-1 Stoke Hand, 10-1 On Alert, 16-1 Chandigarh, 20-1 others.

4.25 WESTOMATIC HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,536: 2m 6f) (3)

1 P411 SURCOAT 13 (CD,F,S) R Baker 8-11-10 ... B Powell
2 2224 BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 15 (G) B Millman 6-11-7 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 -5P1 BLASKET HERO 22 (B,CD,F,G) Mrs S Williams 7-11-2 ... S Lyons (3)

4-7 Surcoat, 5-2 Beam Me Up Scotty, 5-1 Blasket Hero.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER

5.45 Winspit. 6.15 Brimpton Bertie. 6.45 Borrowed and Blue. 7.15 Dubit. 7.45 Shalchlo Boy. 8.15 Indian Arrow.

Brian Beel: 7.15 Dubit.

GOING: FIRM (HARD IN PLACES) SIS

5.45 WHITSBURY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,198: 2m) (6 runners)

1 5001 WINSPIT 22 (CD,F) R Alner 5-11-6 ... Pat Thompson (7)
2 P.P- DANCING PIMPERNEL 451P P Ritchens 9-10-13 ... A Tory
3 P0 POOH STICK 48 R Frost 5-10-13 ... J Frost
4 60 SON OF ANUN 13 W G M Turner 6-10-13 ... M Griffiths (7)
5 00 VENERDI SANTO 239 P Butler 5-10-13 ... N Williamson
6 06P/ CASSCA 1265 N Thomson 10-10-8 ... D Morris

1-3 Winspit, 11-4 Son Of Anun, 12-1 Pooh Stick, 16-1 Venerdi Santo, 33-1 Cassca, 50-1 Dancing Pimpernel.

6.15 FONTHILL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,882: 2m 5f) (6)

1 5P11 BRIMPTON BERTIE 22 (CD,F) D Chappell 6-11-10 ... G Upton
2 F221 LARRY'S LORD 13 (D,S) P Nicholls 6-11-4 ... R Dunwoody
3 4644 MAREMMA GALE 22 N Mitchell 7-10-11 ... D Skyrme
4 34P STAR OF KUWAIT 75 (F) N Thomson 11-10-0 ... R Davis
5 0GF3 MUSIC BOX 1 (G,S) R Hodges 9-10-0 ... A Tory
6 4521 SAINTE MARTINE 1 B Millman 8-10-1 (7ex) ... D Salter (5)

2-1 Brimpton Bertie, 5-2 Larry's Lord, 4-1 Sainte Martine, 9-2 Maremma Gale, 8-1 Star Of Kuwait, 20-1 Music Box.

6.45 ROCKBOURNE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,609: 2m 6f) (4)

1 2012 BORROWED AND BLUE 22 (CD,BF,F,G) P Hobbs 5-11-10 ... Peter Hobbs
2 -0UP AMBER REALM 22 (CD,S) R Buckler 7-11-2 ... B Powell
3 4F45 ACCESS SUN 11 (C,F,S) J King 8-10-1 ... N Williamson
4 -000 MASCALLS LADY 6 N Thomson 10-10-0 ... D Morris

2-5 Borrowed And Blue, 9-4 Access Sun, 20-1 Amber Realm, 33-1 Mascalls Lady.

7.15 R K HARRISON INSURANCE BROKERS NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,779: 2m 5f) (6)

1 625P ARCTICFLOW 6 (B) N Thomson 10-12-0 ... S Davis (7)
2 PP1P BRACK N BRANDY 10 (F) Miss R David 10-12-0 ... M G Miller (7)
3 U322 DUBIT 3 (V,BF,S) R Winslade 10-12-0 ... Miss S Vickery (7)
4 0P0U LORDY 6 (B,F) J Trice-Rolph 10-12-0 ... E Chamberlayne (7)
5 F RAYMAN 47 R Barber 7-12-0 ... Miss P Curling (5)
6 P23R REMPSTONE 9P (G) Mrs J Purdie 9-11-9 ... Miss M Hill (7)

4-6 Dubit, 5-2 Rayman, 5-1 Brack N Brandy, 14-1 Rempstone, 33-1 others.

7.45 CHEDINGTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,496: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 UP4P SOLIDASAROCK 17 (CD,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 13-11-10 ... D O'Sullivan
2 4511 STRAIGHT TALK 3 (C,D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 8-11-6 (6ex) ... Miss P Curling
3 3544 FURRY KNOWE 27 (F,G) Mrs J Retter 10-11-0 ... J Osborne
4 4PP5 BIANCONI 22 (G,S) N Gaselee 9-10-7 ... C Llewellyn
5 2U84 SHALCHLO BOY 18 (F,G) Mrs S Williams 11-10-0 ... L Harvey
6 P623 MISTER FEATHERS 1 (C,F,G) J King 14-10-0 ... N Williamson

7-4 Straight Talk, 3-1 Furry Knowe, 4-1 Mister Feathers, 5-1 Shalchlo Boy, 8-1 Bianconi, 16-1 Solidasarock.

8.15 JAMBOREE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,460: 2m 6f) (8)

1 2P06 INDIAN ARROW 27 (F) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-7 ... C Maude
2 646 JIMMY'S FANCY 17 Mrs S Williams 7-11-0 ... R Bellamy
3 0-64 MEADOW COTTAGE 12 J Gifford 9-11-0 ... P Hide
4 0- ST MELLION GREEN 517 M Pipe 6-11-0 ... R Dunwoody
5 U50- SUNDAY JIM 18 H Webb 11-11-0 ... S McNeill
6 02 CELTIC DAUGHTER 22 J Spearing 6-10-9 ... N Williamson
7 00-0 CLEAR ROUND 1 D C Tucker 8-10-9 ... Mr J A Flynn
8 FP00 URBAN LILY 11 R Hodges 5-10-9 ... J Harris (7)

6-4 Indian Arrow, 7-4 St Mellion Green, 4-1 Meadow Cottage, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 40 winners from 143 runners, 28.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 8 from 46, 17.4%; R Alner, 9 from 52, 17.3%; J Gifford, 17 from 101, 16.8%; J King, 10 from 64, 15.6%; Mrs J Retter, 10 from 66, 15.2%.

JOCKEYS: Miss P Curling, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; R Dunwoody, 37 from 168, 22.0%; D Skyrme, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Osborne, 12 from 70, 17.1%; P Hide, 4 from 29, 13.8%; C Llewellyn, 10 from 75, 13.3%.

Carson falls foul of stewards

WILLIE CARSON was banned for three days at Doncaster yesterday after finishing last of four on Mubab behind Sonic Boy in the Carr Hill Conditions Stakes.

The stewards ruled that the former champion jockey had failed to ride out his Peter Walwyn-trained mount to the line, thereby losing third place to Stiletto Blade.

The officials listened to Carson's evidence and viewed the video of the race before finding him in breach of Rule 151. His suspension takes effect from May 17 to May 19, thus ruling him out of the last two days of the Dante meeting at York and the first day of the meeting at Newbury.

Carson, who had begun the afternoon with a neck victory on Eastern Prophets in the Wiseton Maiden Auction Stakes, said: "I didn't have any friends in there and they're getting silly with these decisions. But there's no point in appealing."

Jimmy Quinn was also banned, for careless riding of the fourth-placed Bearnaise in the opening race. He was stood down for four days, from May 17 to May 20. Pat McCabe, the apprentice, was found guilty of improper riding on Fangio, who won the Bawtry Claiming Stakes, and banned for one day (May 17).

NEWTON ABBOT SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 101 winners from 358 runners, 28.2%; P Hobbs, 34 from 122, 27.9%; N Twiston-Davies, 10 from 43, 23.3%; R Curtis, 4 from 19, 21.1%; K Bailey, 8 from 43, 18.6%; C Barwell, 4 from 26, 15.4%. JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 51 winners from 172 rides, 29.7%; N Williamson, 17 from 64, 26.6%; G McCourt, 11 from 46, 23.9%; J Osborne, 12 from 53, 22.6%; Peter Hobbs, 23 from 102, 22.5%; C Llewellyn, 13 from 58, 22.4%.

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Tragedy casts shadow over former England manager's celebration

Robson adds Portuguese title to his portfolio

ROB HUGHES

Overseas Football

Bobby Robson, who seemed to grow old before his time when he was worn down by the pressures of managing England, now seems a little younger each day on the wider continent of Europe. On Sunday, his team, FC Porto, tied up the Portuguese championship, which, added to the two Dutch titles that he won while in charge of PSV Eindhoven, makes him among the most decorated English managers abroad.

He is stimulated, at the age of 61, by the enthusiasm of youth. Spend five minutes in the company of Robson and you find still the boyish love of the game, a trait transmitted to him from his late father, Durham miner Philip.

And yet, as so often with Robson, the victories never quite come clean without a trace of tragedy. Robson, you may recall, was dismissed in February last year by José Sousa Cintra, the president of Sporting Lisbon, despite the fact that Sporting then led the championship. Sporting were to fall away under Robson's successor and, after a farewell party that the players put on in honour of Robson, Sergei Cherbakov, a young Russian forward, was paralysed after crashing his car.

Ironically, and with some feeling, Porto won the Portuguese league this season for Robson in the stadium of Sporting Lisbon, a victory over the old president and Carlos Quieros, his chosen coach, in their own ground. "I don't like the word revenge," Robson told the media. "I like the word opportunity and, yes, I'm very happy to have had the opportunity to win in the Alvalade [stadium]."

It was, Robson added, a dream. Alas, it followed a nightmare for, before the kick-off, a railing high on the banks of the stadium terraces had collapsed, killing one Lisbon spectator and seriously injuring 25, six of whom are in a critical condition.

Robson, of course, could say nothing of or to the president who had so irrationally removed him from the club, the same president who made the decision to press ahead with the match, though Cintra called the affair "a game of mourning". In the event, the victory to Porto, from a penalty on the hour by Domingos, had to be weighed against the loss of life that, to an Englishman, is all too horribly familiar.

Against the pleasure of adding the league trophy to the FC Porto museum, which has a gargantuan collection of more than 9,000 trophies won by the 21 sports it stages, Robson, an emotional man, still had thoughts for the disabled Cherbakov.

There was a lament, too, for the state of football and society in his adopted latest homeland. A week before the tragedy at Sporting Lisbon, Claudio Caniggia, the Argentinian on loan to Benfica, the impoverished giant, had been surrounded in his car in a narrow street and his face and head were gashed by a rock and a cocktail glass. The foreigners in and around the Stadium of Light are finding the dark side of a club whose riches have dwindled and whose debts have riddled the sport with uncertainty. The violence? What can we, the British, say of hooliganism abroad?

Moving on, almost certainly moving back to his roots, is Jürgen Klinsmann, who is about to depart after a year in this country which, everyone must agree, has been wonderful both in playing terms and in fostering international relationships.

If — that should be when — Klinsmann resettles with Bayern Munich, his new coach will be Otto Rehhagel. Rehhagel moves to Germany's most illustrious club with, very likely, at least as much prestige as the top player he will rebuild the team around for, on Sunday, Werder Bremen, Rehhagel's present team, took the lead in the *Bundesliga* by defeating Borussia Dortmund, the previous leaders — a timely afternoon to take over with only five matches to go.

Rehhagel's rebuilding of Bremen's team during the past season has been testimony to his astute coaching skills. He had lost key players, others had suffered injuries, yet he had coached and coaxed what was left into a unit that can play a bit, but also demonstrated on Sunday that it was ready to kick as fiercely as any opponent.

Thus, in a bruising battle for the *Bundesliga*, both teams had important defenders dismissed — Hany Ramzy, Bremen's Egyptian, and Julio Cesar, Dortmund's Brazilian, were sent off. Amid the mayhem, Andy Herzog, the Austrian playmaker brought to Bremen by Rehhagel, teased Dortmund by scoring one goal and creating another in the decisive five-minute winning spell.

Herzog will move at the end of the season. His new club? The same as Rehhagel, the same as Klinsmann . . . the new, improved Bayern Munich.

Once, Robson seemed to be ageing almost by the hour; now, he is enjoying a new lease of life at Porto

Rangers wait for Gascoigne

THE Old Firm faces an irksome wait before it discover whether it is to be granted the privilege of spending fortunes (Kevin McCarra writes). Rangers' attempt to sign Paul Gascoigne for £4.5 million from Lazio will include a meeting with Mel Stein and Len Lazarus, his representatives, in the next week or two. Even then, there might be no decision until the Italian season ends on June 3.

Celtic will probably not require quite so much patience before discovering the outcome of their bids for two strikers: Marc Degryse, of Anderlecht, and Dmitri Radchenko, the Russian, of Racing Santander in Spain. Fergus McCann, the Celtic chief executive, was in Brussels at the weekend for negotiations with the Belgian club.

He is thought to have agreed a transfer fee of £1.3 million for Degryse. It only remains for Degryse, 29, the captain of Belgium, to decide whether he wishes to play in Scotland. He is known to be eager to move abroad.

Acquiring Radchenko, for £2.2 million, may be more intricate. The international is apparently willing to play for Celtic, but he is believed to have agents in Russia, Spain and Great Britain, all of whom must be satisfied.

Celtic need to sign players good enough to hold down a regular place for their country. International credentials in a different form, however, could hinder Rangers' bid for Gascoigne. It has been suggested that a career in the supposed backwater of Scotland might see him dropped from England's plans. In the past, other Ibrox players, such as Trevor Steven and Mark Hateley, did appear to be discounted by their country. It is hard to believe, however, that Terry Venables, the England manager, would shun Gascoigne if, for example, he were prospering for Rangers in the European Cup.

Merthyr may close

THE legal wrangles that have overshadowed Welsh football this season took a new twist yesterday when John Reddy, the chairman of Merthyr Tydfil, threatened to close the club and sue the Football Association of Wales (FAW) rather than play in the Konica League next season.

Merthyr face relegation from the Vauxhall Conference after finishing in the bottom three and would be saved only by a change of structure within the Conference or if the grounds of the three promoted clubs failed to reach the required standard.

The FAW is already appealing against a High Court defeat by three other clubs — Caernarfon, Newport and Colwyn Bay — who brought a restraint of trade action after they were forced to play home matches in England because they refused to join the Konica League.

The FAW want Merthyr in the Konica League in the event of relegation, but Reddy is adamant that that will not happen. "We will play in the English pyramid next season or we will play nowhere at all," he said. "If we have to close the gates, the FAW's costs for losing the restraint of trade action will be chicken feed compared with the damages we will claim for putting a limited company out of business."

SPORT IN BRIEF

China end Sweden's winning sequence

CHINA ended Sweden's domination of men's table tennis with a 3-2 win over the defending world team champions in front of an ecstatic home crowd in Tianjin yesterday. The Chinese, who last won the title in 1987, deprived the Swedes of a fourth successive crown. Wang Tao, the world No 2, took China to victory in the final match, beating Jorgen Persson, the 1991 world champion, 21-14, 21-13. Other victories for China came from Ma Wenge and Ding Song, while Jan-Ove Waldner, the Olympic champion, won both his matches and was unlucky to finish on the losing side.

Desmond Douglas returned to the England team after a two-match rest, helping them to beat Holland 3-0, their fourth win of the campaign. Douglas beat Gerard Bakker 21-16, 21-12, with other wins coming from Carl Prean and Alan Cooke. England finished thirteenth and narrowly kept their status in the top category of the world championships.

Millfield regain title

HOCKEY: After eight years, Millfield School, from Somerset, regained the Hockey Association Youth Cup under-18 title at Cannock yesterday by defeating Simon Langton Grammar School, from Kent, 3-0. Richard McCollum gave Millfield the lead in the 26th minute and there were late goals by Luke Sutton and Andrew Todd. Simon Langton threatened in the second half, but Matthew Rochford, the Millfield goalkeeper, made brilliant saves from two shots at short corners.

St George's, Weybridge withdrew from the under-16 competition after an incident involving smoke detectors at their hotel in Birmingham on Sunday night. Repton won the under-16 title by drawing with Eastbourne 1-1 in the final.

Lillywhite edges in

CYCLING: Chris Lillywhite, a former Milk Race winner, gained a narrow victory in the four-day Thwaites Brewery road race, which finished yesterday. Lillywhite, a professional, was at one time 6½ minutes behind Jeremy Hunt on the final stage, but reduced the deficit considerably to take overall victory by 2sec from Gary Thomas. Hunt won the 88-mile final stage, centred on Blackburn, by 1min 56sec. Jason Nind, who crashed on the descent of Bleara Moor on Saturday, was still in intensive care last night at the Royal Preston Hospital with multiple injuries.

Youngest winner

MOTOR RACING: James Thompson, 21, yesterday became the youngest driver to win a touring car race when taking the sixth round of the Auto Trader British championship at Thruxton. Thompson, in a Vauxhall Cavalier, retained his composure when the race was stopped on the opening lap after Charlie Cox, of Australia, had rolled his Ford Mondeo when travelling at around 130mph. He was lucky to escape with bruising. Thompson made a second perfect start and kept ahead of Alain Menu, in a Renault Laguna, from green light to chequered flag.

Stern cracks record

RIFLE SHOOTING: Jonathan Stern, of Harrow Rifle Club, won the English men's 60-shot prone title at Bisley with an English record of 598 out of 600. Paul Leatherdale, from Norwich, another member of the Great Britain Olympic squad, won the free pistol title, four points in front of Brent Smith, and Carol Page beat Margaret Thomas by eight points for the women's sport pistol title. At the Army open target rifle championships, David Calvert, the Commonwealth Games champion, narrowly beat Simon Belitheer with Antony Ringer, the world champion, in third place.

Beresford strikes six

POLO: Indio, Lucas White's team, beat Neill McLean's Marine Energy 7-5 and Gordon Roddick's Rough Park enjoyed a 9-8 victory against Westsphere in league matches of the Cowdray Park clubs tournament for the Texaco Trophy, played off at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday. The key to Rough Park's success was the combination of Charles Beresford and Chris Bethell, Beresford scoring six goals and his partner three as Rough Park held off a late fightback by Westsphere. The concluding league matches for this tournament are on Saturday.

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

6.00 Arvzees. 6.30 Admirals Flame. 7.00 Jawlaat. 7.30 Fearless Wonder. 8.00 Mezaan. 8.30 Kalou.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.00 CHUKYO SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,002: 5f) (8 runners)

1 (8) 2321 ARVZEES 14 (D,F) M Channon 9-4 .... K Darley 91
2 (4) 123 PENNY PARKES 10 (CD,BF,F) J Berry 8-13 .... J Carroll [illegible]
3 (7) 6 SNITCH 13 C Smith 8-11 .... W Woods –
4 (3) APRIL'S JOY J Norton 8-6 .... A Culhane –
5 (2) FIDDLES DELIGHT M Channon 8-6 .... D Sweeney –
6 (6) MISS HOTSHOT R Bastiman 8-6 .... Dean McKeown –
7 (5) 604 POWER DEE 13 (B) M W Easterby 8-6 .... M Birch –
8 (1) 66 SUPERGAL 3 M W Easterby 8-6 .... L Charnock –

5-4 Arvzees, 3-1 Penny Parkes, 5-1 Power Dee, 6-1 Fiddles Delight, 12-1 Miss Hotshot, 25-1 April's Joy, 33-1 others.

6.30 SAPPORO HANDICAP
(£4,408: 7f) (18)

1 (6) 0-26 SET TABLE 32 (V,D,G) J Gosden 6-10-0 .... L Dettori 91
2 (5) 000- ROBELLION 186 (F) D Arbuthnot 4-9-10 .... J Weaver 89
3 (3) 0000 CRADLE DAYS 10 (F,G) R Soles 6-9-8 .... J O'Reilly 96
4 (8) 8-00 KINDERGARTEN BOY 103 (CD,F,G) R Boss 4-9-5 .... J Carroll 89
5 (2) 6004 ADMIRALS FLAME 14 (S) C Wall 4-9-5 .... G Duffield 88
6 (16) 0-04 THE HAPPY LOON 39 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 4-9-2 M Birch 83
7 (10) 30-0 RAFTER-J 78 (S) J A Harris 4-8-12 .... K Fallon 98
8 (4) 4300 BOGART 11 (D,G) C Fairhurst 4-8-11 .... R Cochrane 89
9 (1) 13 SHAFFISHAYES 20 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-8 K Darley 90
10 (18) 0-00 AWESOME VENTURE 8 (D,S) M Chapman 5-8-8 .... C Munday (7) –
11 (9) 0-06 PEACEFULL REPLY 18 (F) F Lee 5-8-7 .... A Culhane 85
12 (7) 0142 ADUADO 12 (D,F,G) A Forbes 6-8-4 .... J Quinn 98
13 (17) 050- MASTER M-E-N 178 (V,F) N Babbage 3-8-4 .... Sally Sandes (7) 94
14 (13) 00-0 PEGS 40 C Thornton 4-8-4 .... Dean McKeown [illegible]
15 (15) 0666 FLEET CADET 12 (B) M Graham 4-8-1 .... Paul Eddery 81
16 (11) 64-0 BAD NEWS 13 G Fierro 3-7-13 .... A Daly (7) 96
17 (12) 000- OUT OF THE MIST 196 J Pickering 4-7-10 .... N Carlisle 92
18 (14) 5000 COALISLAND 29 (V,S) R Ingram 5-7-7 .... N Varley (5) 81

9-2 Set Table, 6-1 Shaffishayes, Admirals Flame, 7-1 Aquado, 10-1 Cradle Days, The Happy Loon, Bogart, 14-1 others.

7.00 TOKYO LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,527: 6f) (11)

1 (6) 0-16 FATA 24 (CD,F) P Walwyn 9-0 .... L Dettori 85
2 (11) 150- CORIO 228 (D,F,G) Miss S Hall 8-11 .... N Connorton 85
3 (3) 6-42 FRENCH GRIT 10 (F) M Dods 8-11 .... J Weaver 97
4 (4) 441 PROLIFIC LADY 14 (D,F) M Brittain 8-9 .... R Cochrane 93
5 (2) 443- BANNER 207 B Hills 8-6 .... M Hills 81
6 (7) 0-44 CATS BOTTOM 8 (BF,F) D Cosgrove 8-6 .... M Rimmer 85
7 (8) 6-06 FANTASY RACING 20 (S) M Channon 8-6 .... K Darley 98
8 (9) 20-4 JAWLAAT 21 (D,S) J Dunlop 8-6 .... W Carson [illegible]
9 (5) 14- MAYDAAN 210 (S) B Hanbury 8-6 .... W Ryan 80
10 (10) 40-2 MIDNIGHT SPELL 29 Mrs J Cecil 8-6 .... Paul Eddery 90
11 (1) 111- PETOMI 196 (D,G,S) M Prescott 8-6 .... G Duffield 85

3-1 Jawlaat, 5-1 Petomi, 11-2 Maydaan, 6-1 Midnight Spell, 13-2 Fata, 7-1 French Grit, 8-1 Prolific Lady, 10-1 others.

7.30 NAKAYAMA HANDICAP (£3,949: 1m 4f) (9)

1 (4) 4/3 PROGRESSION 13 (D) P Haslam 4-9-10 .... T Williams 90
2 (3) -223 DVORAK 39 B McMath 4-9-6 .... A Mackay 90
3 (5) 00-2 FEARLESS WONDER 24J (B,C,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-5 .... K Darley 94
4 (9) -305 AUGUSTAN 5 (F) S Gollings 4-9-1 .... J Stack (5) [illegible]
5 (6) 3221 HILL FARM DANCER 7 (D,F,G) W Brisbourne 4-9-0 (5ex) .... A Garth (5) 97
6 (2) 20-3 PRESTON GUILD 12 (D,G,S) A Forbes 5-8-9 .... J Weaver 97
7 (7) -600 CHINA MAIL 8 J Eustace 3-8-6 .... R Cochrane 88
8 (8) -430 GENERAL CHASE 22J (V,F,G) I Campbell 5-8-4 .... Dale Gibson –
9 (1) 0-00 SIR DICKIE COX 5 F Lee 4-8-3 .... A Culhane 92

2-1 Hill Farm Dancer, 3-1 Preston Guild, 4-1 Dvorak, 5-1 Fearless Wonder, 8-1 Progression, 10-1 China Mail, 14-1 Augustan, 20-1 others.

8.00 FUKUSHIMA MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,239: 1m str) (11)

1 (2) 0-3 ARZANI 8 D Cosgrove 4-9-10 .... M Rimmer 92
2 (6) 0040 SPANISH STRIPPER 8 M Chapman 4-9-10 C Munday (7) 75
3 (11) 4 DALERIA 82 Miss J Craze 4-9-5 .... S Webster –
4 (3) WHITE KNOWLE 60J P Dalton 5-9-5 .... L Charnock –
5 (1) 0-2 AMRAK AJEEB 24 B Hanbury 3-8-11 .... W Ryan 87
6 (4) BAKERS' GATE J Gosden 3-8-11 .... L Dettori –
7 (5) 4-5 MEZAAN 21 M Stoute 3-8-11 .... W R Swinburn [illegible]
8 (8) 0-0 WESTERN FAME 17 J Dunlop 3-8-11 .... W Carson 88
9 (7) 6- ZYGO 186 W Jarvis 3-8-11 .... K Darley 76
10 (9) AMNESTY BAY J Fanshawe 3-8-6 .... N Varley (5) –
11 (10) 0- POSING 192 J Fanshawe 3-8-6 .... D Harrison –

7-4 Bakers' Gate, 4-1 Amrak Ajeeb, 5-1 Mezaan, 6-1 Arzani, 8-1 Western Fame, 12-1 Amnesty Bay, Zygo, 16-1 others.

8.30 HANSHIN HANDICAP
(£4,273: 1m 2f 60yd) (19)

1 (15) -000 TALENTED TING 10 (D,F,G) P Haslam 6-10-0 T Williams 92
2 (9) -004 BRAILLE 8 (G,S) M Meagher 4-10-0 .... J Fortune 97
3 (18) 350- BARFORD LAD 199J (C,D,F,S) J Fanshawe 8-9-13 .... D Harrison 90
4 (17) 5332 ZACAROON 41 (BF,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-11 L Dettori 88
5 (3) 303- COLORFUL AMBITION 248 (G) Mrs A Swinbank 5-9-11 .... N Connorton 86
6 (8) 4-52 KALOU 20 (V) W Elsey 4-9-4 .... T Ives 92
7 (11) 00-0 MOVE SMARTLY 14 (F) F Lee 5-9-4 .... K Darley 91
8 (5) 60-3 BENJAMINS LAW 8 J Pickering 4-9-1 .... Dean McKeown 90
9 (16) 0022 BROUGHTON'S PRIDE 5 (BF) J Glover 4-9-0 C Teague (5) 93
10 (13) 020- ALABANG 189 M Camacho 4-8-13 .... L Charnock 91
11 (4) 1410 LARN FORT 15 (V,D,F,G,S) C Fairhurst 5-8-13 .... R Cochrane 93
12 (2) 1200 MODEST HOPE 13 (D,F,G) B Richmond 8-8-11 J Weaver 86
13 (10) 000- KANAT LEE 189 (F) E Incisa 4-8-8 .... Kim Tinkler 90
14 (12) 0-00 KRISTAL BREEZE 14 W Muir 3-8-0 .... W Carson 87
15 (6) 805- DANUS REX 201 C Smith 3-7-12 .... A Garth (5) 92
16 (19) 0000 AMLAK 14 T Kersey 6-7-11 .... N Kennedy –
17 (7) 00-0 IVANHOE 33 J Arnold 4-7-7 .... R Street –
18 (14) 2004 KIROV PROTEGE 10 (G) H Collingridge 3-7-7 J Quinn [illegible]
19 (1) 260- LADY CONFESS 490 (B,G) J Upson 5-7-7 .... M Baird (5) –

9-2 Zacaroon, 6-1 Kalou, 7-1 Benjamins Law, 8-1 Barford Lad, Braille, 9-1 Broughton's Pride, 10-1 Talented Ting, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 36 winners from 134 runners, 26.9%; B Hills, 26 from 105, 24.8%; M Stoute, 16 from 96, 16.7%; J Berry, 20 from 124, 16.1%; Mrs J Cecil, 5 from 32, 15.6%; J Dunlop, 11 from 81, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 21 winners from 129 rides, 16.3%; L Dettori, 24 from 162, 14.8%; W Carson, 29 from 208, 13.9%; J Weaver, 13 from 95, 13.7%; K Darley, 25 from 196, 12.8%; W Ryan, 16 from 138, 11.6%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Doncaster: 6.00 Power Dee. 6.30 Fleet Cadet. 7.30 General Chase. Wincanton: 7.15 Dubd.

Richard Dunwoody will decide today whether to appeal against the two-day suspension he was given at Haydock on Saturday. "I want to speak to Michael Caulfield, the Jockeys' Association secretary," the champion National Hunt rider said at Fontwell yesterday.

Dunwoody was adjudged to have used his whip with unreasonable frequency on Moving Out, the winner of the Crowther Homes New Florida Handicap Hurdle.

However, he still looks assured of retaining his title as his total of 143 winners puts him 13 clear of the injured Adrian Maguire. Norman Williamson, in third on 124 winners, said yesterday: "I don't think I have any chance of catching Richard."

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TEN BANK HOLIDAY MEETINGS

Kempton Park

Going: good to firm

2.10 (1m) 1, BLUE ZULU (D Harrison, 14-1); 2, Avignon (J Reid, 11-2); 3, Tranquillity (W R Swinburn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Farani (pu), 5 Vena (5th), 9 Vezelay, 20 Supreme, 33 Almizaj (4th), Nightscene, 50 Barford Sovereign (6th), 66 Rozalina Lady, Sadler's Pearl. 12 ran. NR: Amelia Sedley. 3l, nk, 1¾l, 1½l, 2l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £16.00; £2.40, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £33.20. Trio: £212.70. CSF: £83.33.

2.40 (1m 6f 92yd) 1, CUFF LINK (Paul Eddery, 7-2); 2, Misbelief (D Harrison, 2-1); 3, Blue Judge (L Dettori, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Castle Courageous (4th), 20 English Invader (5th), 33 Newer (6th), 100 Miss Gruntled. 7 ran. 1¼l, ¾l, hd, 3l, 8l. W Hern at Lambourn. Tote: £4.40; £2.30, £2.00. DF: £5.90. CSF: £10.25.

3.10 (6f) 1, OVERBROOK (L Dettori, 5-2 fav); 2, Al Rawda (W R Swinburn, 9-2); 3, Prima Cominna (T Quinn, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Paris Babe (4th), 4 Veuve Hoornaert (6th), 14 Nagnagnag (5th). 6 ran. ½l, 3½l, ¾l, 1l, 5l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £2.40. DF: £8.20. CSF: £12.59.

3.40 (1m) 1, DESERT GREEN (R Perham, 7-1; Thunderer's nap); 2, Hunters Of Brora (R Hills, 12-1); 3, Mr Martini (M Rimmer, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Air Commodore, 6 Caleman, 7 Gadge (5th), 11 Knave's Ash (4th), 12 Pay Homage, Top Guide, Weaver Bird (6th), 20 Brave Patriarch. 11 ran. 3l, ¾l, sh hd, ¾l, 1½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £7.10; £2.20, £3.00, £2.80. DF: £49.40. Trio: £146.90. CSF: £77.52. Tricast: £691.59.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, DANCING SENSATION (L Dettori, 100-30 jt-fav); 2, Artic Courier (D Gibbs, 8-1); 3, Rolein Clover (T Quinn, 100-30 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Proton (5th), 5 Wild Strawberry (4th), 14 Mowlaie (6th), 16 Canary Falcon. 7 ran. 2½l, nk, ¾l, sh hd, 4l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £2.80. DF: £12.50. Trio: £23.70. CSF: £24.40.

4.40 (1m 1f) 1, HARDY DANCER (B Rouse, 5-2 fav); 2, Mihriz (R Hills, 9-2); 3, Shergy (Paul Eddery, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Donna Viola (5th), 8 The Stager (4th), Tribal Peace, 10 Stone Ridge (6th), 14 Bobanlyn, 16 Snowy Petrel. 8 ran. NR: Dances With Hooves, Persian Conquest. 1¾l, 1l, 1¾l, 2l, 3l. G L Moore at Epsom. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.60, £2.30. DF: £5.00. CSF: £13.09. Tricast: £99.25.

5.10 (1m) 1, TERTIUM (J Reid, 5-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Primo Lara (W R Swinburn, 16-1); 3, Kilcoran Bay (L Dettori, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Magnate's Point, 7 Easy Dollar (5th), 8 Sharpical (4th), 16 Napoleon's Law, 33 Anegre (6th), 66 Western Country. 9 ran. 3½l, 1¼l, 2½l, 5l, 3l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £3.90, £1.60. DF: £12.90. Trio: £60.90. CSF: £19.02.

Placepot: £235.10. Quadpot: £55.00.

Haydock Park

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, TILLANDSIA (J Weaver, 4-5 fav); 2, Top Shop (A McGlone, 11-2); 3, Hatta Breeze (P Robinson, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Cyphell, 10 Autumn Wings, Zuiena (4th), 12 Nicktolo, 14 Alaraby, 16 Lavender (5th), 25 Ruby Venture (6th). 10 ran. 2½l, 3l, 5l, ¾l, 1¾l. D Loder at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.50, £6.00. DF: £2.90. Trio: £91.70. CSF: £6.84.

2.30 (5f) 1, DOVEBRACE (M Wigham, 25-1); 2, Hear The Music (M Hills, 4-7 fav); 3, Prince Aslia (J Weaver, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Scathebury (4th), 12 Albert The Bear (5th), 14 Mono Lady (6th). 6 ran. 2l, 2½l, 7l, ½l, 7l. A Bailey at Tarporley. Tote: £32.60; £5.10, £1.10. DF: £17.20. CSF: £41.03.

3.00 (5f) 1, WARNING STAR (M Hills, 7-2); 2, Hinton Rock (M Fenton, 7-4 fav); 3, Don't Worry Me (P Robinson, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 4 Ginger Tree (5th), 20 Thick As Thieves (4th). 5 ran. 2½l, ¾l, ½l, 2½l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £4.70; £2.00, £1.30. DF: £4.80. CSF: £9.12.

3.30 (7f 30yd) 1, MOCCASIN RUN (M Hills, 17-2); 2, Storiths (B Thomson, 5-1); 3, Cim Bom Bom (A Mackay, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Miss Sacha, 5 Venture Capitalist (4th), 17-2 En Attendant (5th), 12 Band On The Run (6th), 33 Zifta. 8 ran. Hd, 1½l, nk, 1½l, hd. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £9.60; £2.00, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £15.80. CSF: £45.39. Tricast: £141.29.

4.05 (1m 6f) 1, SEIZE THE DAY (M Fenton, 8-1); 2, Paradise Navy (A Procter, 10-1); 3, Cuango (T Ives, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Solomon's Dancer (6th), 7-2 Faal Mario (5th), 15-2 Provence, 18 Zahid (4th), 33 Mhemeanles. 8 ran. 1¾l, 2½l, 4l, ¾l, 3½l. C Broad at Westbury-on-Severn. Tote: £8.80; £2.00, £2.60, £1.20. DF: £35.70. CSF: £89.87. Tricast: £255.83.

4.35 (7f 30yd) 1, TEN PAST SIX (M Hills, 15-8 fav); 2, Silvicolous (B Thomson, 13-2); 3, Houghton Venture (W Woods, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Cemaes Bay, 7 Bedouin Invader, 14 It's Academic, 16 African-Pard (6th), 20 Carlito Brigante (4th), 25 Dragon Rose, 33 Young Benson (5th). 10 ran. Nk, 3½l, 1l, 1¾l, 2½l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £10.50. Trio: £25.20. CSF: £14.59.

5.05 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, SLASHER JACK (J Weaver, 5-2); 2, Swallows Dream (B Thomson, 6-4 fav); 3, Beauman (T Ives, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Chimanimani (4th). 4 ran. Nk, 7l, nk. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £3.00. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.98.

Placepot: £8.50. Quadpot: £13.40.

Doncaster

Going: good to firm

2.20 (5f) 1, Eastern Prophets (W Carson, 7-4 fav); 2, Erupt (5-1); 3, Veshca Lady (16-1). 12 ran. Nk, 5l. G Lewis. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £2.40, £4.40. DF: £8.70. Trio: £174.50. CSF: £11.90.

2.50 (6f) 1, Fangio (P McCabe, 5-2); 2, King Rambo (12-1); 3, Lord High Admiral (Evens fav). 5 ran. 2½l, 2½l. W G M Turner. Tote: £3.80; £2.20, £3.60. DF: £26.00. CSF: £22.68.

3.20 (1m) 1, Sonic Boy (J Quinn, 100-30); 2, Lyrikos (5-4 fav); 3, Stiletto Blade (5-1). 4 ran. Nk, 2½l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £5.10. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.29.

3.55 (1m) 1, Billy Bushwacker (R Cochrane, 7-2 fav); 2, Fame Again (5-1); 3, Midnight Jazz (11-2). 7 ran. 1¾l, 5l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.00; £2.10, £2.60. DF: £3.90. CSF: £18.83.

4.25 (1m 6f 132yd) 1, Doddington Flyer (A Garth, 10-1); 2, Euro Forum (14-1); 3, Chahaya Timor (7-1). Stapy Dam 4-1 fav. 12 ran. 2l, 2½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £14.40; £3.40, £6.40, £3.10. DF: £188.70. Trio: £320.70. CSF: £134.92. Tricast: £967.58.

4.55 (1m 2f 60yd) 1, Blaze Of Song (W Ryan, 4-1); 2, Advance East (7-2); 3, Hydrofoil (9-1). Dont Shoot Fairies 3-1 fav. 9 ran. Sh hd, 1¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £5.80; £1.80, £2.20, £3.10. DF: £11.90. Trio: £86.10. CSF: £19.16.

5.25 (6f) 1, Captain Carat (K Fallon, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Croft Pool (6-1); 3, Elle Shaped (10-1). Castlerea Lad 5-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. Nk, 3l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £6.60; £1.70, £1.90, £2.30. DF: £17.70. Trio: £50.80. CSF: £34.52. Tricast: £270.41.

Placepot: £4,310.70. Quadpot: not won (pool of £134.45 carried forward to Doncaster today).

Newcastle

Going: good to soft

2.25 (5f) 1, Blessingindisguise (M Birch, 8-1); 2, Silent Soprano (6-1); 3, Shafir (3-1). Stolemarch 11-4 fav. 9 ran. 3l, sh hd. M W Easterby. Tote: £7.90; £1.80, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £21.90. Trio: £24.40. CSF: £39.52.

2.55 (7f) 1, Broctune Gold (K Darley, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Mbulwa (16-1); 3, Birchwood Sun (5-1 jt-fav). 14 ran. 3½l, 1l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.60; £2.30, £4.40, £2.60. DF: £46.80. Trio: £246.80. CSF: £74.14.

3.25 (6f) 1, Bollin Harry (M Birch, 16-1); 2, Status (11-2); 3, The Kings Ransom (7-2 fav); 4, Stolen Kiss (12-1). 19 ran. NR: We're Joken. 1¾l, 4l. M H Easterby. Tote: £42.00; £5.40, £1.90, £1.40, £3.90. DF: £183.60. Trio: £411.80. CSF: £110.33. Tricast: £367.91.

4.00 (1m 4f 93yd) 1, Blue Blazer (J Stack, 7-4 fav); 2, Southern Power (11-4); 3, Latvian (6-1). 7 ran. Hd, 3½l. B Hanbury. Tote: £2.40; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £4.10. CSF: £7.50.

4.30 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Diaghilef (D Holland, 10-11 fav); 2, Munaadee (6-1); 3, Dahlenburg (4-1). 10 ran. 4l, 8l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £4.90. Trio: £5.30. CSF: £7.47.

5.00 (1m) 1, Vindaloo (P Fessey, 7-1); 2, Three Arch Bridge (8-1); 3, Gospel Song (20-1). Ring Of Vision 3-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Good Match. 1½l, nk. J L Harris. Tote: £4.80; £1.40, £3.30, £5.00. DF: £15.80. Trio: £54.00. CSF: £81.82. Tricast: £989.74.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,700.26 carried forward to Chester today).

Placepot: £65.50. Quadpot: £10.40.

Warwick

Going: firm

2.15 (5f) 1, Windswept (M Tebbutt, 100-30); 2, Mystic Tempo (11-4); 3, Limerick Princess (6-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Invigorating, Streete Dancer. ½l, 2l. D ffrench Davis. Tote: £4.20; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £6.70. CSF: £12.03.

2.45 (7f) 1, Malandros (S Whitworth, 11-2); 2, Fairelaine (12-1); 3, Indrapura (4-1 fav). 11 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. R Charlton. Tote: £6.60; £2.80, £4.80, £1.60. DF: £98.90. Trio: £83.90. CSF: £63.08. Tricast: £268.08.

3.15 (6f) 1, Plum First (Kimberley Hart, 6-1); 2, Aragrove (3-1 fav); 3, Petraco (11-2). 10 ran. 1¼l, ½l. L Lloyd-James. Tote: £7.00; £2.50, £1.60, £2.40. DF: £13.20. Trio: £24.80. CSF: £24.58.

3.45 (1m) 1, Jam N Shadeed (C Rutter, 13-8 fav); 2, Proud Image (25-1); 3, Manabar (2-1). 7 ran. Nk, hd. P Cole. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £4.50. DF: £23.40. CSF: £30.66.

4.15 (1m 4f 115yd) 1, Celeric (M Tebbutt, 8-1); 2, Poly Road (8-1); 3, Hi-Aud (16-1). Malamoros 11-10 fav. 12 ran. D Morley. Tote: £12.20; £3.10, £1.70, £3.70. DF: £30.00. Trio: £259.60 (part won; pool of £182.84 carried forward to 3.40 Chester). CSF: £73.27. Tricast: £947.62.

4.45 (1m 2f 169yd) 1, Haroldon (T Sprake, 9-1); 2, Rasayel (9-2); 3, Anlace (6-1). Mister O'Grady 7-4 fav. 11 ran. 3l, 3l. B Palling. Tote: £13.70; £3.50, £2.00, £2.50. DF: £29.00. Trio: £35.80. CSF: £49.97. Tricast: £320.72.

5.15 (1m) 1, Alltch N'Bee (P Doe, 14-1); 2, Court Nap (10-1); 3, Mr Cube (4-1 jt-fav). Sweet Pavlova 4-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. 1l, sh hd. Lady Herries. Tote: £13.40; £4.50, £2.70, £2.10. DF: £64.60. Trio: £78.40. CSF: £141.27. Tricast: £616.76.

Exeter

Going: firm

2.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, G'Ime A Buzz (J Lower, 4-6 fav); 2, Soul Trader (4-1); 3, Rose Of Macmillion (6-1). 6 ran. 6l, 12l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.50; £1.00, £2.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.30.

2.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Sainte Martine (D Salter, 11-8 fav); 2, Mutual Agreement (2-1); 3, Music Box (9-4). 4 ran. NR: Mr Sunnyside. 4l, dist. B Millman. Tote: £1.90. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.28.

3.00 (2m 6f 110yd ch) 1, Doualago (J Lower, 9-4 fav); 2, Powder Boy (11-4); 3, Mister Feathers (4-1). 5 ran. NR: Anstey Gadabout. 15l, 7l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £2.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £8.46.

3.30 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Ever Smile (J Lower, Evens); 2, I Remember You (12-1); 3, Lucayan Gold (10-11 fav). 3 ran. ½l, 4l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.20. DF: £4.20. CSF: £6.53.

4.00 (2m 6f 110yd ch) 1, Bluechipenterprise (Mr R Darke, 11-8 fav); 2, Far Senior (13-8); 3, Great Pokey (33-1). 5 ran. 15l, 20l. Mrs M Darke. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.81.

4.30 (2m 1f 110yd flat) 1, Slingsby (J F Titley, 2-1 fav); 2, Roaly Wonoli (11-2); 3, Northern Elation (25-1). 12 ran. NR: Colourful Boy. 2½l, 20l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £2.50, £3.00. DF: £6.00. CSF: £13.44.

Placepot: £13.00. Quadpot: £33.40.

Fontwell Park

Going: firm

2.00 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Winnie Lorraine (P Carey, 4-6 fav); 2, Banntown Bill (9-4); 3, Bargain And Sale (12-1). 4 ran. 1¼l, dist. R Alner. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.53.

2.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Northern Village (D Bridgwater, 3-1); 2, The Black Monk (4-6 fav); 3, Rowlandsons Gold (11-2). 5 ran. 1¾l, dist. S Dow. Tote: £4.30; £1.50, £1.20. DF: £1.80. CSF: £5.45.

3.00 (2m 3f ch) 1, Magsood (S Righton, 6-4); 2, The Whip (8-11 fav); 3, Flying Ziad (8-1). 3 ran. 6l, dist. J Mullins. Tote: £2.40. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.64.

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Bures (D Bridgwater, 15-8 jt-fav); 2, Irkutsk (15-8 jt-fav); 3, Gold'n Shroud (5-2). 4 ran. 6l, 20l. M Tompkins. Tote: £2.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £5.27.

4.00 (2m 2f ch) 1, Country Picture (D Bridgwater, 7-2); 2, Viceroy Of India (9-4); 3, Nuclear Express (13-8 fav). 6 ran. 10l, 5l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £3.80; £2.50, £1.60. DF: £4.20. CSF: £11.55.

4.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Karar (E Murphy, 3-1); 2, Laughing Gas (5-2 fav); 3, Polly Minor (10-1). 7 ran. NR: Delffin. Nk, 25l. R Rowe. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £1.30. DF: £3.60. CSF: £10.43. Tricast: £57.21.

Placepot: £70.00. Quadpot: £15.30.

Ludlow

Going: firm

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Glossy (G Lee, 7-2); 2, Colway Prince (11-2); 3, Strawberry Fool (3-1 jt-fav). Abu Dancer 3-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. 6l, 8l. Mrs M McCourt. Tote: £4.20; £1.60, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £7.80. CSF: £21.70. Tricast: £58.00.

3.05 (3m ch) 1, Monkseander (D Gallagher, 7-2); 2, Mini-Master (20-1); 3, Aldington Bell (5-2). Local Customer 5-6 fav. 4 ran. 7l, 5l. P Ritchens. Tote: £4.20. DF: £16.00. CSF: £29.21.

3.35 (2m hdle) 1, Quiet Amusement (A Thornton, 2-1); 2, McGillycuddy Reeks (Evens fav); 3, Dream Carrier (10-1). 5 ran. 14l, 15l. K Bailey. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.24.

4.05 (2m 4f ch) 1, Final Ace (J Mogford, 13-2); 2, Hennerwood Oak (20-1); 3, Tamers Glen (7-1). Knock Rank 1-3 fav. 5 ran. Dist, 20l. Mrs A Price. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £3.50. DF: £10.50. CSF: £64.98.

4.35 (3m ch) 1, Derrymoss (J Osborne, 15-8); 2, Priory Piper (12-1); 3, Brora Rose (4-1). Maneree 6-5 fav. 4 ran. 4l, 25l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.10. DF: £6.90. CSF: £14.35.

5.05 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Charlafrivola (W Humphreys, 11-4); 2, Kaitoon (2-1 fav); 3, Reach For Glory (11-2). 7 ran. NR: Magsmunch. 4l, 13l. T Greathead. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £2.00. DF: £7.40. CSF: £8.32.

Placepot: £670.00. Quadpot: £21.50.

Southwell

Going: good to firm

2.30 (2m ch) 1, Upward Surge (N Williamson, 7-2); 2, De Jordaan (11-10 fav); 3, Highland Flame (7-2). 4 ran. 3l, 6l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.60. DF: £2.30. CSF: £7.48.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Exclusion (R Marley, 3-1); 2, Alif (13-8 fav); 3, Rave-On-Hadley (8-1). 8 ran. 8l, ¾l. J Hetherton. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £2.40. CSF: £7.66.

3.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Perlea Lady (G McCourt, 2-1); 2, Finnow Ousy (7-1); 3, Fortune's Girl (3-1). Touch Of Winter 7-4 fav (f). 4 ran. 15l, dist. Mrs Merrita Jones. Tote: £2.30. DF: £7.60. CSF: £11.56.

4.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Heresthedeal (G McCourt, 7-4 fav); 2, Charterforhardware (4-1); 3, Flying Instructor (6-1). 8 ran. 14l, ¾l. Mrs M McCourt. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.77.

4.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Bally Parson (D Meredith, 10-1); 2, Drumstick (10-11 fav); 3, Driving Force (11-2). 7 ran. 4l, 10l. R Dickin. Tote: £13.20; £4.50, £1.10. DF: £8.20. CSF: £19.15.

5.00 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Soloman Springs (R Davis, 12-1); 2, Washington Heights (4-1); 3, Doctor Dunklin (20-1). Tenbit 5-4 fav (pu). 9 ran. 20l, 4l. Mrs V Ward. Tote: £9.00; £2.80, £1.60, £5.00. DF: £28.80. CSF: £55.96. Tricast: £874.32.

Placepot: £121.40. Quadpot: £51.50 (part won; pool of £52.20 carried forward to Chester today).

Towcester

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Walking Tall (A P McCoy, 2-1); 2, Nordic Valley (8-11 fav); 3, John Tufty (16-1). 11 ran. 3l, 2½l. T McGovern. Tote: £7.60; £2.00, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £4.50. CSF: £4.40.

2.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Boston Rover (M Brennan, 8-4); 2, Blustery Fellow (5-1); 3, Deep Dark Dawn (7-2). I Have Him 5-4 fav. 4 ran. NR: Young Alfie. 10l, dist. O Brennan. Tote: £2.70. DF: £7.00. CSF: £11.29.

3.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Artic Wings (M Brennan, 2-5 fav); 2, Examplar (2-1). 2 ran. Dist. O Brennan. Tote: £1.40.

3.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Merry Panto (M Berry, 6-4); 2, Celtic Laird (11-10 fav); 3, Speculation (9-1). 4 ran. NR: Count Barachois. 4l, dist. C Brooks. Tote: £2.60. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.60.

4.20 (2m 6f ch) 1, Blakes Orphan (Mr T Illsley, 6-5); 2, Severn Invader (6-5 fav); 3, Wildnite (6-1). 3 ran. NR: Hill Island, Springmount. 4l, dist. T Illsley. Tote: £2.40. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.61.

4.50 (3m hdle) 1, Caipirinha (D Leahy, 2-1); 2, Dakota Girl (13-8 fav); 3, Gala's Pride (3-1). 9 ran. 4l, 15l. S Christian. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £4.30. CSF: £6.47. Tricast: £9.83.

Placepot: £69.00. Quadpot: £14.60.

Fiasco of Carling's dismissal destroys credibility of RFU leadership

Easby moves into untenable position

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

IF THE decision of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) to dismiss Will Carling as England captain was taken in haste, its officers will have opportunity to repent at leisure. They have unleashed a whirlwind that was exactly the opposite of what they intended and leaves them — not Carling — under scrutiny.

It could all have been so different, though maybe, in the long run, if rugby union is stripped of its pretensions, it may become a healthier sport. The initial intimations suggested that the RFU would treat Carling's contemptuous dismissal of those who run the English game as "old farts" with lofty disdain — a practice at which it is quite good.

The remark is, after all, no more and no less than what generations of players have said about generations of administrators. That the England captain should have made it on national television was clearly wrong, a poor example from a man who has responsibilities above and beyond the average player. Ironically, in another televised programme on Saturday — just after Carling's dismissal had been announced — the captain himself adopted a lofty tone.

Addressing a business seminar on the subject of the forthcoming World Cup, Carling said that, if England wished to win the tournament, they had to "play like the best team in the world, train like the best team in the world, *behave* like the best team in the world". Whether his own behaviour has matched his words is arguable, and comment from Australia over the weekend, where they favour plain speaking, has hinted, with a degree of accuracy, that so public a falling-out would never have occurred there.

The England players might argue that Australia's administrators work hand in hand with their players, but I dare say that even Australia has its share of windbags. However, Dennis Easby, the president of the RFU, could not leave it at a reprimand and, by taking in hand the sledgehammer of dismissal, he has created a wave of antipathy for the entire RFU administration which, by and large, runs a successful game through the efforts of volunteers.

In the face of united opposition from the World Cup squad, Easby has now had to climb down and announce Carling's reinstatement, further damaging his own credibility and that of his position. Moreover, it leaves the new administration, which takes office after the annual meeting on July 14, with a huge repair job. Indeed, it might be a tactful move to offer the podium at the meeting to one of England's senior players, so that their views on the way forward can be brought home.

There has never been a greater opportunity for player power to exert itself. The players' moderate statement of Sunday evening, "respectfully requesting" a rethink, was a gem of its kind and leaves them firmly on the moral high ground. With the right kind of leadership — and, as he did on Sunday, Dean Richards might well occupy more limelight than he normally enjoys — the England players can carve a firmer niche for themselves in the consultative process and enhance their claims for greater financial rewards.

Lest it be thought that all they are after is money, they would also be in pole position to offer the views of those at the sharp end on law and disciplinary procedures, and on the structure of the game.

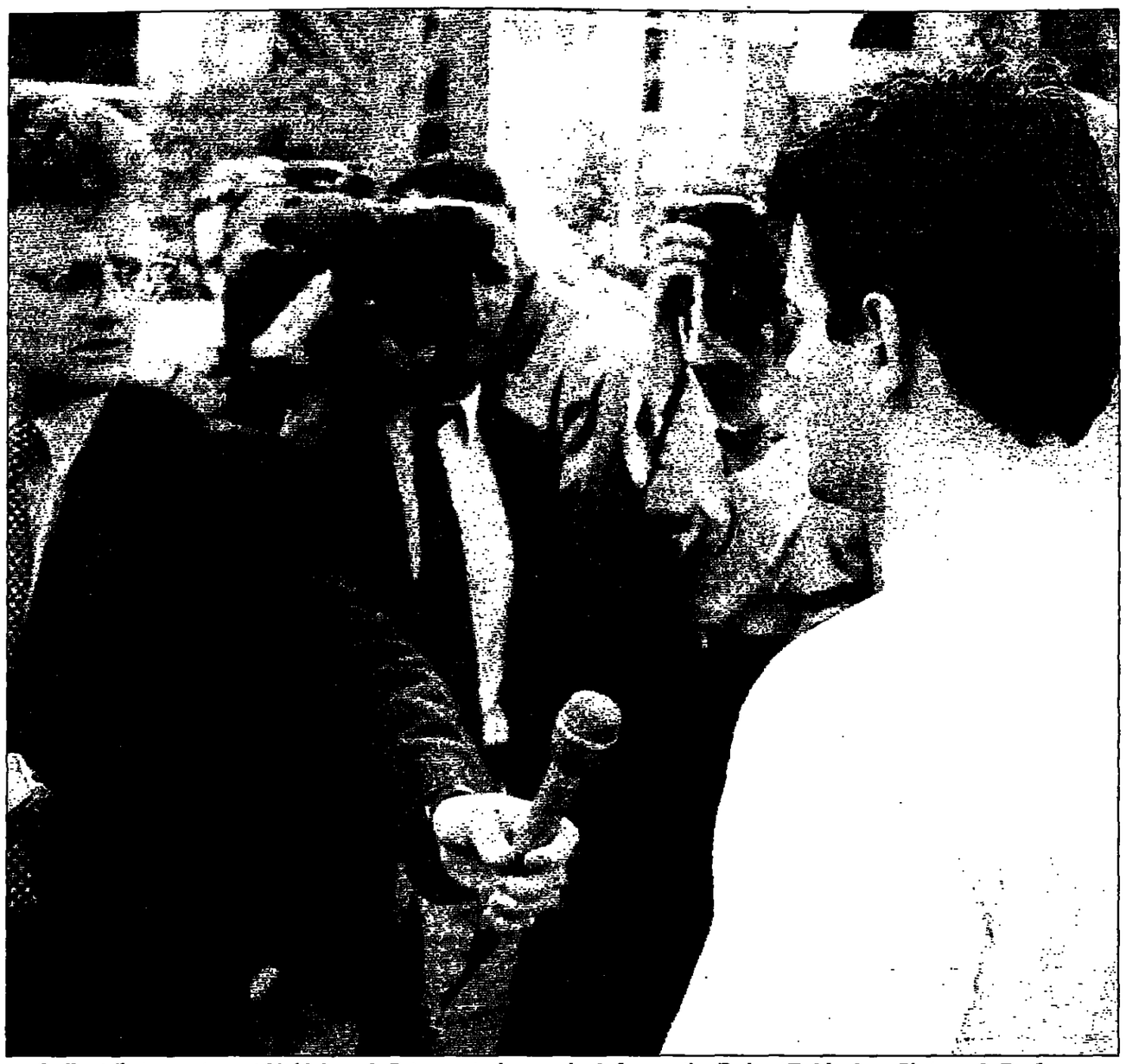
It is wrong to imagine that the RFU does not talk to its players. An active working party exists, from the activity of which the England squad, as individuals, can expect a substantial increase in remuneration this summer.

The union seeks younger blood, both on committees and in advisory capacities, but the players themselves seek to play. The demands of career and family leave them with no time or, for the most part, desire to work on committees; but they do want to be heard. All of them have far greater knowledge of the world of international rugby than most of those who make up the RFU committee and whose concerns are, by definition, more parochial.

In South Africa over this next month, contact between players and administrators will be frigid indeed; a residue of antipathy will exist as long as a particular set of administrators remain. Easby's term of office ends on July 14, as does that of Dudley Wood, the secretary of the RFU who was not part of the decision-making process over Carling but is identified by the players as a barrier to progress.

Easby, though, is due to be followed by Bill Bishop, then by John Richardson, as president, both of whom agreed to the decision. Another, Peter Bromage, is chairman-designate of the new-look RFU executive committee. These are men now identified by the rank and file of rugby followers throughout the country as responsible for a substantial error of judgment and one which could affect England's prospects in the World Cup, where success enhances the image of the game.

On Friday, Easby suggested that Carling's position as captain had become untenable. What, now, of his own and that of his colleagues?



Carling talks to reporters outside his home in Putney yesterday morning before meeting Easby at Twickenham. Photograph: Des Jensen

Player power proves that the impossible can happen

Simon Barnes believes the RFU has been taught a lesson about teamwork and common sense

Will all sporting administrators please stand up and repeat after me the following words: "We are not masters. We are stewards." Administrators do not own the game: they look after it for the players. Their job is to make sure that it is a decent game.

Nobody is saying that good stewardship is easy and everyone knows that to those with a taste for such things, high office in sport gives opportunities unparalleled in the real world for power without responsibility, but the good steward has a responsibility for the game as it is actually played, and as it will be played. This involves an acceptance that time passes, things change and that the game you played with such love in your distant youth has become unrecognisable.

Sport, more than any other area of life, is afflicted with nostalgia. This is because sport is about youth and we are all fond of recalling our wild days. The sporting administrator should be immune to that. Look after the good things, but do not cling to old things merely because they are old, out of sentimentality for your own faded youth.

> 'The players have played with the canniness of politicians'

The administrators of the Rugby Football Union have always acted on the reverse principle. They have clung to things that are impossible or even immoral in a changing social and political world — amateurism, links with apartheid. They have soft-pedalled every issue that comes to them, notably player-violence.

Their abiding principle had always been "Thou Shalt Not Rock The Boat". It is because of this unshakable principle that they have capsized it. They did not realise that stability comes from controlled forward movement.

Hold on, though. It seems that the impossible could happen. The sun rises in the west, the Thames flows backwards to its source, the seas stand still, the rain falls upward and the RFU admits it has made a mistake.

Player Power! For the worst type of administrator, this is the worst kind of sporting nightmare. It means that the children have taken over the playgroup, the lunatics the asylum.

So far, the England players have played with the canniness of politicians. Their manner of confrontation has been to avoid seeming to confront, their adversarial tactics have been concealed by a cloak of humility, but the meaning is crystal clear: whose game is it anyway? By standing firm, the elite players have shown a fine sense of responsibility to their game and its future, something conspicuously lacking in the administrators in this debacle.

It is a turning point for rugby union — and it is, for every sport in the world, an almost unprecedented display of off-field teamwork. The RFU has been handed a lesson in the real virtues of its own sport.

It seems that we can celebrate a victory; not for the players, but for common sense. The RFU has got it so colossally wrong, has completely misread the mood, not only of the players, but of the country. The RFU stands self-damned before us; but praise be, it has realised it.

Now, we can get on with the game and watch the players trying to win the World Cup — they fly off to South Africa, remember, in ten days' time, perhaps united as never before as their pursuit of victory hots up.

Resolved to win at all costs? It is not really the case, but, certainly, the elite players seek to win at greater cost than ever was paid before and for greater rewards than ever before. That is because the stakes are higher than ever before — and I am not just talking about money.

The game is harder and faster and more intense. Its demands are different. Players have adapted to these higher demands — or they have fallen away, weeded out by the quotidien ruthlessness of sport.

No such weeding process exists for administrators, and that is how we got into this mess. Times change, but not the RFU; until now. Is this a death-bed conversion to modernism? A blinding shaft of common sense?

The RFU does not have the monopoly of idiocy, or even of sporting old farts — it just seems that way — but, in being big enough to back down, in tacitly accepting that players are grown-ups with a stake in their own game, it has given an example to the world of good stewardship. I wonder if we will see such a thing again.

Brian Moore and the players have proved a point

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Captain's crime of disloyalty warrants harsh punishment

Andrew Longmore contends that the arguments put in Carling's defence do not justify his action

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) may now have lost all credibility in its handling of the Carling affair, but that does not alter the fact that its original decision to sack the captain was inherently right. The argument was lost months ago in the RFU's Canute-like stance against the rising tide of professionalism and the only people who did not realise it were the RFU members themselves. They have long since forfeited the right to be right.

Yet, the RFU did get it right, albeit for only a day or two. Administrative old fartery is by no means the preserve of the RFU, and Mike Atherton, for one, would be forgiven for thinking that had he voiced Carling's phrase, off or on the record, in or out of context, the chances of him receiving the sort of support from middle England that Carling has enjoyed would be as dismal as his chances of keeping the captaincy of the England cricket team.

Then Carling has won a lot and Atherton lost a lot, which makes a difference. Even the England football captain might have been relieved of his armband had he similarly offended the members of the strong committee of the Football Association, whose average age would, I suggest, make the 57 members of the RFU seem like Boy Scouts.

Surely, some sense of responsibility to the game wider than merely winning or losing comes with the territory of captaincy, a sense which the lampooning of the game's senior administrators clearly infringes?

A whole framework of irrelevant defence has been built around Carling since the original announcement of his dismissal from the England captaincy by the RFU on Saturday. For a start, the timing is irrelevant. Three days before the World Cup, six months, two years. It does not matter.

One of rugby's abiding strengths is that, in England at least, it does not have to bow to the professional curse of needing to win. England do not need to win the rugby World Cup in the way that Manchester United need to win the championship. They have no Cantonas to pay. That means, praise be, that they can sack their captain when they want to, not when their accountants tell them they can. Now the RFU has forfeited that right, too. The players will now tell it who they want as captain.

Nor was the accuracy of Carling's unflattering description of the RFU committee, whose ostrich-like attitude to the onset of professionalism has fostered the militant tendency within the England team, any more relevant than his extraordinary record of achievement as the England captain. Administrators are, almost by definition, older than players and therefore open to accusations of fartishness, but that does not excuse the public expression of criticism of them.

Carling's own profuse apology showed as much. Unfortunately, once said, some things cannot easily be unsaid, even by the most successful captain in England's rugby history. On reflection, Carling might have done better not to have retracted his criticism but to have amplified it in the name of honesty. He must have ample ammunition.

Yet none of this really has any bearing on the decision made by the six senior officers of the RFU at an emergency meeting at the East India Club in St James's Square last Friday evening.

What was at issue was Carling's right to hold the highest honour in the sport after he had publicly ridiculed the very men who asked him to take that honour.

By implication, the criticism, as Dudley Wood, the outgoing secretary of the RFU, said, shows as much about Carling as about the committee. If, on either side, there is a breakdown of the respect which the offering and accepting of the captaincy implies, then it is as important in sport as in politics for the ties to be cut before rugby's chain of command becomes as weak and rusted as it has in football or, to a lesser extent, cricket. Someone has to run the game and it cannot, in the end, be the players.

Carling, as a former Army captain, will appreciate that as well as anyone, even if he does not agree with it.

If he had lost his own respect for the committee — and nobody could blame him for it — he should have resigned his captaincy long ago and said why.

Carling clearly disagrees violently with the intransigence of the RFU's stance on amateurism and he has more than earned the right to express his opinion as he — and Rob Andrew — did in the Channel 4 programme which precipitated his downfall, though he has, of course, rightly benefited more than any committeeman from rugby. Had his criticism stopped at facts, figures and opinions, the RFU could have had no quibble, however sore the members might have felt.

Rugby players are not paid employees of the RFU, yet, and therefore have the freedom to speak their mind in the way that a professional footballer, under the terms of his contract, cannot. Personal abuse, however, is a separate matter, and no amount of half-baked justification can change the fact that Carling has betrayed a trust and should have gone.

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PETER TRIEVNOR

The journey from terror to terra firma is over at last — Eve-Ann Prentice after her flight in a single-engine Piper Warrior. "I have conquered the world and the world will never be the same again," she says

On a wing and a prayer

There was a time I couldn't board a plane unless I was drunk or drugged, and preferably both. Even then, the fear of flying was so deep, and enmeshed with so many other psychological irrationalities, that whiskey and tranquillisers could not numb the *certainty* that the aircraft and all on board were doomed.

It seemed inconceivable that I should find myself, one bright Tuesday afternoon, gazing down from the cockpit of a single-engine Piper Warrior towards a runway 1,200 ft below, knowing that I alone must land the aircraft. This was my first solo flight.

There was a second or two when the old familiar silent scream began to rise, after a little buffet of turbulence rocked the doughty Warrior just as I was levelling out after the climb. I was distracted enough to forget to reduce the power, as I had been taught. But the diktats of self-preservation snapped my mind back to intense concentration on pre-landing checks, monitoring speed, altitude, power, oil and fuel gauges, lowering flaps.

Minutes later, the end of the runway is fixed in the windscreen. Please, please, PLEASE let the landing go better than the ungainly edge-of-disaster attempts of the morning, when the instructor had been at my side giving no hint that he was harbouring dark thoughts of sending me aloft alone.

Now is the the moment to ease back on the control column, to look ahead (it is so tempting to become transfixed with the runway speeding beneath you), to cut the power, to let her float just above the ground, then a touch more back pressure on the control column . . . and the miracle has happened. I am taxiing down the runway but my spirit is in heaven. I have conquered the world and the world will never be the same again.

The journey from terror to terra firma came via years of hypnosis, reading about the physics of flight, long-haul journeys, wacky self-help tapes, and the exceptional patience of a veteran flying instructor called Joe. As with many phobias, my fear of flying fed on other muddled uncertainties lurking near the subconscious, and the miracle of the solo was not to take control of the aircraft, but to master the mind-monsters which feed on self-doubt.

With hindsight, the seeds of the phobia were planted by the nuns at a convent school in North Wales when I was 12-years-old. Two of them drove me to an airstrip to meet my father, a private pilot, who had hired a plane to fly me home for the summer holiday. It was a rare treat and I was looking forward to the flight, until the nuns started praying en route, fervently entreating the Almighty to save me from the fires of hell should the plane crash.

This first inkling that it was even possible for anything to go wrong found deeper root when the aircraft engine spluttered to a stop a couple of thousand feet over the Midlands. My father had not deemed it necessary to tell me he was doing this intentionally, running one of the two fuel tanks dry to make the fuel last longer. Ever after, I was convinced that the normal sound of aircraft engines cutting back after climbing or coming in to land, presaged an imminent plunge into oblivion.

From 1965 until 1977, I managed to avoid almost all contact with aeroplanes by travelling by rail, road or boat. By the end of the 1970s, though, I was hankering to see beyond the confines of Europe and yearned to be a foreign correspondent — a mite difficult for an aerophobe.

So began the years of trying to banish the fear bred of ignorance, learning about the principles of flight, how it is not magic but *aerodynamics which cause take-off*, a partial vacuum is created by the air flowing over the top of the wings and this acts to pull them up. Reach 65 knots (just over 70 mph) in a Warrior, and the aircraft is dancing on tip-toe, yearning for you to let her soar skywards.

The Oxford Air Training School at Kidlington, just outside the city, is famous for teaching airline pilots from all over the world, many of whom have passed through the tutelage of Joe, a former RAF navigator, father of four and, at 1.40pm on that sunny Tuesday, the person who uttered a few words which made me feel I had been thumped in the solar plexus: "Now I am getting out and you are going to do a circuit by yourself." It was not possible, just not possible, that he had said this.

Only an hour before I could not fly straight, wandered all over the place, and had lurched into two landings which I felt only Joe had rescued from catastrophe.

Now, puzzling little deviations from the norm began to make sense; the instructor had been plotting this awful moment all day. Before the last circuit, he had refuelled, even though I knew, because I had checked, there was at least as much fuel in the tanks as there had been oftentimes before when setting out. He also stopped the Warrior while taxiing back for the last time, checking the engine as if he had heard a misfire. But there was no time to dwell on the awful sight of Joe disappearing from the plane. There was no going back and, if I killed myself in the attempt, I had warned him: "You must be joking!"

You would think that the instructor would feel as nervous as the pupil at this time, but apparently not so. "I am always quietly confident," said Joe. "I have never had anyone refuse to go. Some people are surprised because they do not think they have made the progress they have and some people think they should be going when they are not ready. The thing is, they wouldn't be sent if they weren't ready. It's not a non-event but the glamour is for the student, not the instructor."

Caroline Oakes is another Oxford instructor. Looking something like a younger Virginia Bottomley, she delights in windy weather and chirpily proclaims "This is what we call sporty" when the aircraft is tossed upon cloudy seas. "You can be a little bit nervous when students do their first solo," she said. "The younger instructors go to the control tower to watch through binoculars, the older ones go and read a newspaper.

"I did have one student who said he couldn't go, but it turned out that he wanted to go to the loo! The idea is that the solo comes as a complete surprise. It's the shock that keeps them quiet."

Most student commercial pilots have hundreds, if not thousands of flying hours yet all become misty-eyed at the memory of their own first solos.

Some students are sent alone after just nine or ten hours' flying, most after around 15 hours, while I was a tardy 20 hours. One of the student airline pilots assured me he had taken 25 hours to go solo.

There are at least another 25 hours to go the the PPL, during which I will be allowed out on an ever-lengthening leash to learn navigation and cross country flying.

Learning to fly at first feels like trying to cycle, drive and swim all at the same time, while holding unreal conversations on a complicated radio set you feel you are constantly retuning, with people called "Oxford Ground", "Oxford Tower" and "Oxford Approach". "Golf Bravo Golf Yankee Golf, request radio check and taxi for dual circuits; information Delta received," for instance, seems pretty meaningless at first.

It will be magic when all this, and the reassuringly thorough checks — on the ground and in the air — begin to be second nature and you start to *sense* the aircraft come alive in your hands instead of feeling you are grappling with too many baffling tasks simultaneously. Swimming through the air currents, coaxing the aircraft to climb or descend at a precise speed, to bank at a given angle, to settle gently on the runway after a good approach. All this I concentrated on as I taxied to the runway, radioed for permission to take-off and then, seconds later gazed back at the airfield from 500 ft as I climbed away.

But one of the biggest surprises of the solo was that Joe had more faith in me than I had in myself. A faith that the nuns from North Wales had begun to sap on that journey to the airstrip all those years ago.

Joe presents his soloists with the poem, *Flying Crooked*, by Robert Graves:

The butterfly, a cabbage white
(His honest idiocy of flight)
Will never now, it is too late
Master the art of flying straight.
Yet has — who knows so
well as I?,
A just sense of how not to fly.
He lurches here and here
by guess
And God and hope
and hopelessness.
Even the acrobatic swift,
Has not his flying crooked gift.

Joe Sharp, the veteran flying instructor who decided Eve-Ann was ready to go solo, left, and Bruce Latton, the Chief Flying Instructor at Oxford Air Training School

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Fighting from the front

Frances Gibb meets Martin Mears, the much-vilified rebel standing for Law Society president

RUSSELL SACH

The candidacy of Martin Mears for president of the Law Society has forced the first contested election in 40 years

Martin Mears, who has caused the biggest upset to the Law Society for 40 years, arouses strong emotions. Vilified as a "bigot" with "deeply repugnant" views among those close to Law Society circles, he is equally admired among the rank and file. In the short time since arriving on the Law Society council, winning 64 per cent of the vote and kicking out the sitting candidate, he has become a thorn in the side of the society's council and headquarters staff; an anti-Establishment figure, he accuses the society of "arrogance, extravagance and ineptitude" coupled with an attitude of "defeatism".

Mr Mears is standing for the post of president. His candidacy has forced the first contested election in four decades and a ballot of all 70,000 solicitors in England and Wales. At a time when many members are struggling financially, Mr Mears has clearly struck a chord. "The income of individual practitioners has fallen dramatically and people are looking to the council for leadership," he says. His stand for president — and that of his running mate for vice-president, Robert Sayer — was greeted with hostility, he says. Senior council members suggested he was arrogant. Moves such as a motion to have a report by the honorary auditor of the council investigated led to his "being publicly insulted".

Mr Mears, 57, senior partner in a six-partner firm in Norfolk, is in his own words a right-winger — "deeply reactionary", as he once put it. He quickly ruffled Law Society feathers for open hostility to the anti-discrimination measures being devised for the profession and has since been labelled both racist and sexist. He denies the charge. "I am absolutely opposed to arbitrary discrimination against anyone — women, ethnics or homosexuals," he says. "But I am not going to be bullied into supporting posturing anti-discrimination codes that even their supporters admit privately are unenforceable and unworkable."

Brickbats aside, Mr Mears clearly articulates what many solicitors think. He pinpoints three concerns which the society with its atmosphere of "defeatism, complacency and confusion of activity with achievement" has failed to tackle. First, the problem of entry to the profession. There are about 6,000 students emerging from the one-year vocational legal practice course to chase 3,500 trainee places. "I would find ways of limiting entry to the profession — one way might be to say a person cannot have a place on the course unless he or she already has a trainee contract with a firm."

He also wants to devise ways of cutting the cost of indemnity insurance. "It is not my task to come up with detailed proposals on all these things. It is to point out what is wrong and say to the 700-member bureaucracy, you are adept at circulating papers, come up with some ideas on this or that." Third, he cites the Solicitors Complaints Bureau, which has "the confidence of neither profession or public". He says it needs bringing under the Law Society's arm: a system of regular monitoring of bureau files to see if it is tackling complaints properly and a system of tribunals to act as an appeal path. Without reform, "sooner or later the bureau will be abolished by the Government and we will have a statutory complaints system which will cost the profession far more."

Already his rivals, Henry Hodge and Eileen Pembridge, have issued proposals on some of the same issues — "deathbed conversions", as Mr Mears sees it. "They are all rooters-out of bureaucracy now. Mr Hodge talks of cutting the cost of the society. In the 11 years since he has been on the council, the costs have risen from £6 million to £48 million and the staff from 259 to 700."

> 'It is interesting what they don't say. They don't call me a fool, or say that I lack judgment'

However, it is not so much on these policies that Mr Mears both attracts or repels as on race and sex. He is portrayed as the "crudely anti-Left stereotype", he says, and aims, in the few weeks before the election, to dispel the image that he is a "purple-faced buffer" unfit to lead the profession. He points out that he has written articles denouncing right-wing MPs advocating flogging and capital punishment. He has praised Judge Stephen Tumim as a humane prison reformer and argues that he is neither sexist nor racist: he is in favour of women being admitted to his club, the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club, on the grounds that this is what "the majority want" rather than a burning passion that women should have equal admittance rights.

"Being against the anti-discrimination measures is a very different thing from being racist or homophobic. I will not support the posturing of politically correct measures which are unenforceable — but if you don't support them you are vilified."

Twice-married, Mr Mears lives in Beccles, Suffolk, with his wife, a solicitor with a Norwich firm. He has seven children, aged between five and 26. His father was a quantity surveyor.

Mr Mears went to grammar school in Cardiff, then to Wadham College, Oxford, to read law. He spent his early years in a firm in the West End before being attracted to a post in Norfolk ("the salary seemed very large"), where in 1970 he founded his own firm, now, Mears Hobbs & Durrant. It has four offices with 50 staff (including 20 fee-earners and six partners). He does general litigation and the firm handles a mixture of private and legal aid work. He used to play chess for Oxford and Norfolk, but he now spends his free time writing articles.

Win or lose, Mr Mears has proved a catalyst: a full review of the society machinery has started. He rejects criticisms that he has limited experience of how the society runs, or that his politics would prevent his representing the broad views of the profession. "I am the man they fear, and why? Because I am the only man who might make a difference. It is interesting what they don't say. They don't call me a fool, or say I lack judgment. I am well able to represent the profession. If I and Robert Sayer win, we shall do our utmost to change the prevailing culture and to provide vigorous, effective leadership."

● *Next week: Eileen Pembridge*

The mistrial of the century?

The United States of America continues its obsession with the trial of O.J. Simpson, who has pleaded "one hundred per cent not guilty" to the murder of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend, Ronald L. Goldman.

When Marcia Clark, lead prosecutor, entered the Los Angeles courtroom last month with a new hairstyle, spectators applauded and her hairdresser received 30 requests for media interviews. The power dressing of the lead defence counsel was acknowledged by a cartoon in *The New Yorker* in which a middle-aged man contemplating the purchase of a new suit asks his wife: "Is it too Johnnie Cochran?" High on the bestseller list is O.J. Simpson's book, *I Want to Tell You: My Response to Your Letters, Your Messages, Your Questions* ("I'd jump in front of a bullet for Nicole... I'm never again going to hear [my children] say the words 'Mommy, Mommy'... I think about God a lot now").

There is a real danger, however, that the production of further episodes of this magnificent entertainment may be endangered by the dissatisfaction of one important group: the jury. Seven jurors have already been removed from the trial for a variety of reasons, leaving 12 jurors and five alternates. Last week, Judge Lance Ito of the Los Angeles Superior Court released a female juror who had tearfully complained: "I can't take it any more." If the number of jurors drops below 12, the trial could continue only with the consent of both sides.

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Thirteen members of the jury pool revolted at the end of last month in protest at the replacement of three deputy sheriffs who had been responsible for guarding the jury. Judge Ito reassigned the deputies after a dismissed juror complained that some white members of the panel had received preferential treatment.

The O.J. Simpson 13 refused to come to court until Judge Ito agreed to hear their concerns. The majority of them attended the meeting wearing black or dark-coloured clothing in protest. The jury consultant to the defence, Jo-Ellan Dimitrius, was quoted by the Associated Press as commenting that the jury had become "all of a sudden very empowered".

The balance between the rights and the duties of jurors is a difficult and sensitive subject. There are cases in which courts have taken a harsh view of jurors who allow extraneous matters to interfere with their responsibility to attend to the case at hand. In 1803, an American court decided that three jurors were in contempt of court for escaping out of the jury room through a window. At Lewes Assizes in 1894, a member of a jury "was seized with sickness and rushed out of court before he could be stopped", whereupon the unsympathetic Mr Justice Cave fined him £20 for leaving the jury box without permission. A leading textbook, *Borrie and Lowe's Law of Contempt*, refers to a 1979 case in which a man was fined £50 for wearing a horror mask as he was about to be sworn in on a jury at Croydon Crown Court.

Though it is the responsibility of the juror to focus on trying the case fairly on the evidence, it is hardly surprising that members of the O.J. Simpson jury are becoming irritable and assertive of their rights. They have been sequestered for months on end in hotel rooms to prevent contamination by prejudicial publicity, monitored by guards 24 hours a day and repeatedly told not to discuss the trial — the only thing they have in common and the focus of their lives. This is an unfair trial of the jurors, whatever its impact on O.J. Simpson. As well as counsel for the prosecution and counsel for the defence, lawyers represent many others present in the court or concerned about the outcome, including the victims' families, the media and many of the witnesses.

Professor Stephen Gillers of New York University Law School has sensibly suggested that in such trying circumstances "the jury should have a constitutional right to counsel" to represent their interests before the court. There should be "no sequestration without representation". Jurors, he contends, are entitled to protection of their right to a speedy trial, the right to date, the right to a balanced diet, the right to be kept informed and the right to be free from intrusive oversight.

In a normal trial, the judge looks after the interests of the jury. During an Old Bailey trial in December 1989, when the jury needed to spend a second night in a hotel considering its verdict, the judge wisely responded to the concern of one juror about his alsatian. The judge ordered that the jury's coach should, on its way to the hotel, be diverted to the juror's flat so that he could feed the dog and take it for a walk. An Old Bailey official recalled that, some years earlier, a policeman was sent to a juror's house to feed her goldfish.

When a jury is sequestered for months on end, its members require especially sensitive handling and their interests need independent protection. Judge Ito would be well advised to take very seriously the rights of the jurors in order to reduce the chances of the case of O.J. Simpson becoming the mistrial of the century.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

New Bar challenge

NOT TO be outdone by the Law Society, the 2,000-member Criminal Bar Association is also facing its own contested elections for the first time in ten years.

Anne Rafferty, QC, recorder and member of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in 1993, is vice-chairman, and in previous years would have been elected unopposed, making her the first woman chair of the CBA.

She is now being challenged by Ronald Thwaites, QC, a well-known barrister, who is campaigning on a tough trade-union platform. Rock Tansey, a CBA committee member, is also standing. Thwaites wants to help the regional Bar (he is from the North East), which is not represented, he says, by the CBA, and to fight against the new powers judges have to "fast-track" cases, set timetables and make penalty-costs orders if barristers are thought to have wasted time.

He says the Bar should not "succumb to the will of judges in any way that could compromise barristers, particularly in their conduct of difficult, unpopular cases."

INSIDE OUTS

Mohammed Ullah, left, and Lord Hoffmann in Brick Lane

East Enders

JUDGES and QCs turned out in force for an unprecedented opening of a new set of chambers — Tower Hamlets Barristers' Chambers in Brick Lane. The set has been brought together by Mohammed Ullah, who says the site means they do not have to pay huge rents for Inns of Court premises. The common law set, to be run by a management committee, has four tenants so far. They will be concentrating on immigration, housing and crime.

The opening ceremony was carried out by Lord Hoffmann, the law lord, who described it as a "remarkable event in the history of the English Bar". One of the new set, Ali Khan, told assembled guests, who enjoyed a Bangladeshi meal, that Brick Lane was within reach of the law courts, the seat of justice. However, for many living there, justice remained "too far in terms of accessibility and affordability", he said.

Justice lecture

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Aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing, described as the deadliest terrorist attack in America. Already two court-appointed defence lawyers have asked to be relieved of their task

Defending the client from hell

James Zirin on the difficulties for any advocate taking on the case of Timothy McVeigh, who is accused in the Oklahoma City bombing

The question repeatedly asked of trial lawyers is how do you represent a client you know to be already thought guilty? This has come up again in the context of the Oklahoma City bombing, where Timothy James McVeigh is charged with complicity in an event described as the deadliest terrorist attack in United States history. Already his two court-appointed lawyers — themselves from Oklahoma City — have asked to be relieved of their task because of personal connections with victims.

Mr McVeigh, from the point of view of any lawyer, is a client from hell. Already, a court has found "an indelible trail of evidence" linking him with the horrible crime. He cannot pay for a defence, and the funds available from the Government for assigned counsel to an indigent defendant are hardly adequate. The "dream team" of defence lawyers, now engaged in defending O.J. Simpson in Los Angeles, is unlikely to apply. Their talents are reserved for the wealthy. And the publicity will hardly be favourable. Mr McVeigh is, in many eyes, already an enemy of the people. A lawyer representing him could be tarred with the same brush. Reports are rife of Mr McVeigh's connections with the Michigan Militia, a paramilitary group opposed to big government, and with the Liberty Lobby, described as extremists.

The explosion occurred on the anniversary of the Waco siege in Texas, when Janet Reno, the US Attorney-General, ordered federal agents to storm a cult compound with a firestorm of bullets and explosives. Many women and children were left among the dead. Speculation is that the Oklahoma City bombing was an act of vengeance for Waco.

When a priest hears the confession of a criminal or a doctor saves a wrongdoer's life, there is no stigma attached. But when a lawyer defends someone accused of an atrocity, society finds little to praise. Yet, defending is in the finest tradition of the Bar. The Code of Trial Conduct of the American College of Trial Lawyers states that a lawyer should not "decline to undertake the defence of a person accused of a crime merely because of either the lawyer's personal or the community's opinion as to the guilt of the accused, or the unpopularity of the accused's position". The canon declares that "every person accused of a crime has a right to a fair trial".

Mr McVeigh has given unpopularity a new meaning. The President has identified him with "promoters of paranoia", and his mother claims she hasn't seen him for a while. Certain lawyers are renowned for their role as counsel for the unpopular. Many of these have been identified with the radical left.

> It is the lawyer who makes the justice system work so that the justly accused may be justly tried and punished

McVeigh: extremist links

When Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested in Dallas, he asked to speak to Leonard Boudin, a New York lawyer well known for representing accused Communists. William Kunstler has made a career representing minority defendants, as well as those on the political left, even when they are accused of violent crimes. Mr McVeigh, however, has been identified with the pistol-packing red-necked Right, and Mr Kunstler has said that he would not take such a case.

Other lawyers for unpopular defendants fill the history books. John Adams represented British soldiers who fired on colonists. In 1931, Samuel Liebowitz represented the nine "Scottsboro Boys" alleged in Alabama to have raped two white women. When Emile Zola Berman defended Sirhan Sirhan, killer of Senator Robert Kennedy, he explained: "I'm not defending his crime, only his rights."

Mr McVeigh is obviously entitled to a fair trial, and this means counsel as well. But what counsel? Who wants to represent a killer of babies? Who wants to undertake the task of getting him off? The hours will be long and tedious, the pay poor and the job unsatisfying. And who would want to succeed? Some lawyer must come forward, but how and why? The lawyer would himself risk becoming a pariah; he and his family may be subject to harassment. Whatever the outcome, no one will thank the lawyer.

But it is the lawyer institutionally who stands between the accused and the lynch-mob. It is the lawyer who is the safeguard against a miscarriage of justice. And it is the lawyer who makes the system work so that the justly accused may be justly tried and punished. Even the pariah is entitled to counsel. The two Oklahoma City lawyers, who have asked to get out of the case, make a sympathetic plea. Fortunately, some other lawyer will take their place.

● *The author, a trial lawyer, is a partner in Brown & Wood, a New York law firm.*

Election puzzle for law firms

What effect will council political changes have on tendering plans?

The outcome of last week's council elections will interest lawyers as compulsory competitive tendering (CCT) for white-collar professional services starts to be implemented over the next 12 months. This will not only create opportunities to advise authorities on how to organise tendering but will also put law firms among the bidders. Local authorities' legal services could be one of the functions "up for grabs".

Steele & Co, which operates in Norfolk and Suffolk, has just completed the first year of a five-year contract to provide legal services to Broadland District Council after a voluntary competitive tender. Three of the council's legal staff joined the firm, one of whom became a partner. Philip Hyde, the firm's managing partner, says: "We were the first law firm in the country to take over the entirety of the council's legal work."

> The larger high street firms are set to gain

A number of Steele & Co's partners have had experience working in local government and this seems to be a critical factor in developing a local authority following. David Ansbro, who leads the Local Government Group for the national firm Eversheds, spent time as the chief executive of three councils before moving out of the public sector.

Like many leading firms, however, Eversheds has made clear it will not bid to take over any council's legal department. Instead, he sees much work being generated in the next few years simply in advising councils on how the tendering should be managed. Fox Williams, the City firm, also has a policy of not bidding for this kind of work. It believes that because of the formula being applied to CCT, there will be considerable latitude in the way the work is parcelled up.

The new political make-up of councils could be an important factor in shaping the way individual authorities implement policies locally. Martin White of the newly formed firm Pinsent Curtis, which has offices in London, the Midlands and Yorkshire, says: "The division is between old Labour and new Labour. New Labour tends to accept CCT and will seek to get the best value for money for the council. Authorities run by old Labour will try to minimise the effects of CCT." Richard Thomas of Clifford Chance, who has also been advising many authorities on both the competitive tendering process and the need to comply with European directives on public procurement, says: "My overall impression is that Labour is coming round to contracting out."

The common expectation is that the firms most likely to win tenders for contracted-out local authority legal services will be the bigger high street ones, which are well set up to handle large volumes of low-quality work in the fields of debt collection, conveyancing and similar routine transactions. It is expected that local authorities will continue to place the more unusual, one-off or specialist transactions in the hands of big City and regional firms.

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Bankruptcy issue estoppel not final

Eberhardt & Co Ltd v Mair
Before Mr Justice Evans-Lombe
[Judgment May 2]

Although, in the course of bankruptcy proceedings, an issue estoppel was created by the dismissal of a debtor's application to set aside a statutory demand in respect of which a district judge had found no substantial grounds on which the debt could be disputed, a bankruptcy court on the full hearing of the petition could go behind any issue estoppel resulting from such an order and was not, therefore, finally bound by it.

Mr Justice Evans-Lombe so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when dismissing an appeal by the petitioning creditor, Eberhardt & Co Ltd, against an order of District Judge Cawood made on March 14, 1995 whereby the bankruptcy petition against the respondent debtor, Robert Mair, was stood over for the purpose of a later hearing which, it was anticipated, would last a full day.

Miss Raquel Agnello for the petitioning creditor; Mr Paul McCormick for the respondent debtor.

MR JUSTICE EVANS-LOMBE said that on the directions of the district judge the debtor filed a notice of opposition on March 22 which read, inter alia: "(1) I am not justly and truly indebted to the petitioner for the sum claimed in the bankruptcy petition or any sum. If any such sum is due and owing (which is not admitted) the liability is that of a limited company, Bedhampton Glass Ltd and/or one Brian Wilson personally ... (5) I appear able, and am able, to pay the sum referred to in the bankruptcy petition."

The petitioning creditor appealed against the order of District Judge Cawood on the following grounds:

"1 The district judge erred in refusing to make a bankruptcy order on March 14, 1995 in that on the evidence before the court there were no grounds upon which the district judge should have refused to make a bankruptcy order, in particular

"(a) there were no grounds of opposition raised either in any notice of opposition which should have been filed pursuant to rule 6.21 of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) or in any affidavits or by way of submissions which would have entitled the district judge to refuse in all the circumstances to make the bankruptcy order sought;

"(b) the only grounds of opposition which were raised were identical to those grounds of opposition raised by the respondent at the hearing before the court on August 20, 1993 on the respondent's application to set aside the statutory demand dated March 12, 1993 when District Judge Hurley dismissed the respondent's application after a full hearing;

"(c) the only grounds of opposition raised by the respondent were identical to those raised by the respondent on December 2, 1993 when the respondent sought a review of the order of District Judge Hurley's dismissing his application to set aside the statutory demand. The said application for review was dismissed by District Judge Bailey-Cox on December 2, 1993.

"2 The district judge erred in granting an adjournment to the respondent and giving directions for the hearing of the petition in the circumstances in that the matters raised by the respondent had already been adjudicated upon by the court on two previous occasions and in those circumstances the respondent is not entitled to seek a further hearing in relation to matters which have already been adjudicated by the court."

His Lordship said that the facts were that in June 1991 the petitioner supplied signs to Ashby's Wine Bar in Southsea where a business was being conducted by the debtor, apparently in association with a Mr Wilson. The order for the signs was placed by Mr Wilson.

It seemed that the premises were be refurbished by a building company of which the debtor and Mr Wilson were directors and shareholders. That company had ceased to trade.

The petitioner sought payment of its account from the debtor who, in 1991 and 1992 made three payments on account totalling some £600 leaving a balance outstanding of £2,200.03.

Upon further payment not being forthcoming the petitioner served a statutory demand for that amount on the debtor on March 15, 1993. On April 6, the debtor applied under rule 6.4 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 to set aside the statutory demand.

It was the debtor's case that he was not trading in any sort of partnership with Mr Wilson, that Mr Wilson did not have his authority to place an order for signs with the petitioner and that that order had either been placed on behalf of the company of which he and Mr Wilson were directors and which was concerned with the refurbishment of the wine bar or was made by Mr Wilson personally.

It was the petitioner's submission that the debtor's substantive defence to the petition arose under paragraph 1 of the notice of opposition.

As to paragraph 1 the petitioner submitted that whether or not the debtor had raised a bona fide dispute as to the petitioner's claim against him it had been decided against the debtor in the course of his application to set aside the statutory demand.

That decision not having been reversed on review and there being no effective appeal from it, it could not be reopened at the hearing of the petition. No further evidence on the central issue of liability was before District Judge Cawood on March 14, 1995 which was not before District Judge Hurley of August 20, 1993.

Even if it was possible to obtain further material, such as evidence from Mr Wilson, that should have been put before the court on a further application to review the order of District Judge Hurley and not on the hearing of the petition.

In effect the petitioner was contending that an issue estoppel bound the debtor on the central issue of liability for the petitioning debt. Accordingly it was contended that District Judge Cawood should not have adjourned the petition but should have made a bankruptcy order.

It was submitted on behalf of the respondent that on March 14 the district judge had a discretion whether or not to make the bankruptcy order. In any event it would have been unjust to make a bankruptcy order on March 14 because the debtor was not anticipating a final hearing of the petition on that day. If he had done so he would have made efforts to obtain further relevant evidence including attempting to subpoena Mr Wilson.

Having cited sections 267, 268 and 271 of the Insolvency Act 1986 his Lordship referred to chapters 1 and 2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986. Rule 6.5(3) provided that "on the hearing of the application the court shall consider the evidence then available to it, and may either summarily determine the application or adjourn it, giving such directions as it thinks appropriate". It was under those provisions that District Judge Hurley dismissed the debtor's application to set aside the statutory demand.

Rule 6.5(4) set out the circumstances in which the court might grant an application to set aside a statutory demand. The material provision provided that the court could grant the application if "(b) The debt is disputed on grounds which appear to the court to be substantial..."

It seemed that subject to the special powers of the bankruptcy court on the material before the court on March 14 the debtor was bound by an issue estoppel arising from the decision of District Judge Hurley on August 20, 1993 that he was not satisfied that the petitioner's claim was disputed on grounds which appeared to be substantial.

No direct authority on the point had been cited to his Lordship but it seemed that a precisely similar issue arose when a petitioning creditor was required to establish the truth of the statement in the petition that the debtor was liable for the petitioning debt.

It was clearly established in companies' winding-up cases that the remedy of winding up was not available where the debt upon which the winding up was based was bona fide disputed. The position should be the same where the petition was for a bankruptcy order.

None the less as rule 6.25(1) made it plain, the making of a bankruptcy order was a matter of discretion. It had long been established that the bankruptcy court had a power and indeed a duty to ensure that a bankruptcy was not instituted in circumstances which amounted to an injustice and had exercised a power to enquire into the consideration for the petitioning debt even to the extent of going behind judgments: see *Ex parte Kibble* ((1875) LR 10 Ch App Cas 373).

Again there was no direct authority on the point but there would seem to be no reason to take the view that the power of the bankruptcy court to inquire into the consideration for the petitioning debt and in the process to go behind judgments or orders had not survived the coming into force of the Insolvency Act 1986.

It seemed that the bankruptcy court in an appropriate case would go behind any issue estoppel resulting from a judgment in the proceedings themselves. It followed that no issue estoppel could be finally binding on a court of bankruptcy when that court came to consider whether to make a bankruptcy order.

His Lordship was confirmed in that conclusion by the striking fact that there appeared to be no decided case either under the pre-1986 Act law or the law post the coming into force of the 1986 Act where that point had arisen let alone been decided against the debtor.

Under the pre-1986 Act law there existed, in the procedure for setting aside bankruptcy notices, a procedure, analogous to the statutory demand procedure, under which the enforceability of the petitioning debt could be tested before the petition itself was heard. That conclusion was also consistent with the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Platts v Western Trust & Savings Ltd* (*The Times* April 7, 1993).

On the hearing of the petition the court had a discretion whether or not to make a bankruptcy order or whether to adjourn the petition for further evidence.

Where, however, the petitioner had complied with rule 6.25(1) by establishing the facts alleged in the petition and by proving that the petitioning debt remained outstanding, the court should not adjourn the petition save for good cause such as the real anticipation of payment in the immediate future or the real prospect of either of the parties being able to adduce further relevant evidence: see *In re Yeatman* ((1880) 16 Ch D 283) and *In re Heyl* ([1918] 1 KB 452, 456).

Applying those principles, had his Lordship been satisfied that on March 14 both the parties were anticipating a full hearing of the petition he would have taken the view that the district judge on the material before him exercised his discretion to adjourn the petition wrongly since he did not appear to have had any material before him which justified his going behind the conclusion of District Judge Hurley on August 20, 1993 nor any indication that such evidence might be available in the future.

However, it did seem that the debtor and those representing him were not anticipating a full hearing of the petition and that there was reasonable cause for their taking such a view and that they were contemplating obtaining further evidence for the hearing of the petition.

For those reasons his Lordship could not take the view that the district judge had exercised his discretion so unreasonably as to justify interference in it.

Solicitors: Moon Beever for Sherwin Oliver Solicitors, Portsmouth; LLewellyn & Co, Portsmouth.

Onus on former partner to prove propriety

In re a Firm of Solicitors
Before Mr Justice Lightman
[Judgment May 4]

Where a partner in a firm of solicitors which had acted for one party in litigation, moved to a new firm and one of the opposing parties then wished to employ him as solicitor, the burden was on that former partner to prove that there was no real risk that he had any relevant confidential information which made it improper for him to be so employed.

Mr Justice Lightman so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on a summons issued by three plaintiff companies for an injunction restraining the former partner from acting as a solicitor for an opposing party in litigation both in the United Kingdom and abroad.

Mr Antony Watson, QC and Mr Richard Meade for the plaintiffs; Mr Steven Gee, QC, for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said the plaintiffs were carrying on certain substantial patent litigation in the United Kingdom and abroad. The defendant to the summons was a former partner in the firm of solicitors which had acted for the plaintiffs in the United Kingdom litigation.

The former partner had been a partner in the intellectual property department of the firm for some months during the retainer but had never been involved in the plaintiffs' litigation.

The former partner then left and joined a new firm where he was head of the intellectual property department. Some two years later one of the plaintiffs' opponents in the patent litigation wished to employ his services as solicitor.

The plaintiffs sought injunctions restraining the former partner from acting as solicitor for their opponent and were aghast at the turn of events.

In America, from where the international litigation was directed, the former partner would be precluded from acting on the simple ground that his so acting would give rise to a possible perception of impropriety and the American courts would not permit that situation to exist.

The problem that had arisen was of increasing frequency, perhaps reflecting the move to larger firms of solicitors and greater specialisation of firms and within firms in London.

The former partner, whose honesty, integrity and good faith was in no way challenged, maintained that, as he was possessed of no confidential information belonging to the plaintiffs there was no substance to the challenge, no unfair prejudice to the plaintiffs could be occasioned and the public interest required that he should be available to serve his new client who was anxious to obtain his services.

The plaintiffs' concern, however, was that although the former partner had no present recollection of any communicated information, he might have received information and his recollection might be triggered by future events as the litigation proceeded.

The former partner contended that the onus was upon the plaintiffs to prove on the balance of probability his possession of relevant confidential information and in particular that relevant confidential information was communicated to him.

On the other hand, the plaintiffs argued that they had only to show that there was a real risk that such confidential information had been communicated.

There were two separate questions involved. The first was that of the test to be applied; the second was as to the burden of proof.

Having regard to the fiduciary relationship between a client and a firm of solicitors and each partner the burden was surely upon any person who was a partner in a firm which was retained while he was a partner in the firm and which in the course of such retainer became possessed of confidential information, to establish that there was no risk of his misusing confidential information before he could thereafter act against that client.

The solicitor had to show that there was no reasonable prospect of any conflict between his duty to his previous client and his personal interest in obtaining the new retainer and his duty to his new client, and accordingly not merely that he was not in possession of any relevant confidential information but that there was no real risk that he had such information.

On the facts of the present case his Lordship did not think that there was any such risk. The former partner had satisfied him that there was no real possibility that confidential information was ever communicated to him.

The plaintiffs' evidence suggested the possibility, and no more than the possibility, of such communication.

In the light of the former partner's evidence, even after applying the discount appropriate to the need to protect the plaintiffs in respect of information in the former partner's mind of which he was presently unaware, but recollection of which might subsequently be triggered, he did not think that there was any real possibility.

He also found that the overwhelming probability was that if any confidential information was ever communicated to the former partner, with the lapse of time, the progress of the proceedings and the disclosures in evidence and on discovery in the proceedings and having regard to the highly technical issues, there could be no real risk that such information would any longer be confidential, relevant and recallable.

According he would refuse to grant the injunctions sought be the plaintiffs.

Solicitors: Bristows Cooke & Carpmael; Hammond Suddards.

Criticisms of trial counsel rejected by court

Regina v Bowler
[Judgment May 5]
Before Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, Mr Justice Latham and Mr Justice Morison

The need for rules of professional conduct which would ensure that fresh solicitors and counsel instructed in criminal appeals communicated promptly with those who had appeared at the trial must be re-emphasised.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing the appeal of Sheila Bowler against her conviction on July 9, 1993 at Hove Crown Court (Mr Justice Garland and a jury) of murder, for which she was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Mr Graham Pollock, QC and Mr David Martin-Sperry, neither of whom appeared below, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Andrew Glass, QC and Mr Tom Kark for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE SWINTON THOMAS, delivering the reserved judgment of the court, said that in the grounds of appeal the original defence team, in particular the appellant's solicitors and Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC, leading counsel at the trial, were criticised for wrongly conceding that the deceased, the aunt of the appellant's late husband, had been murdered: for failing to adduce expert evidence which might have supported a defence of accidental death, and for failing to call three character witnesses.

Their Lordships considered that no criticism could be made of the decision made by leading counsel at the trial that the best way to conduct the defence was to undermine the prosecution case and then to submit to the jury that the case against the appellant had not been proved. They rejected entirely the criticisms made of trial counsel and solicitors.

Their Lordships were not persuaded in any way, either, that trial counsel had made an error of judgment in deciding not to call the character witnesses, and rejected that criticism made of him.

Even if they had been so persuaded, they had no doubt at all that the jury would have approached the case on the basis that the appellant was a woman of unimpeachable character who, on the evidence, had cared for the deceased.

Their Lordships wished to raise an aspect of the appeal which they considered to be very unsatisfactory, namely the length of time given to leading trial counsel to deal with the very serious allegations made against him.

He was not asked to deal with the allegations until March 27 and the hearing of the appeal commenced on April 10. He did not have available to him any of the transcripts which were available to their Lordships and had to rely on his recollection.

Accordingly, he had to deal with that very serious matter under pressure as to time and without an opportunity to consider the relevant documents. Not only was that very unfair as far as counsel was concerned but unsatisfactory as far as the court was concerned.

In *R v Clarke; R v Jones* (*The Times* August 19, 1994) Lord Justice Evans said that where fresh counsel and solicitors were instructed on appeal, there should be rules of professional conduct drawn up to oblige them to communicate promptly with those instructed at trial, to oblige trial counsel and solicitors to reply promptly, and to oblige those freshly instructed to notify the Registrar of Criminal Appeals if an appeal was in prospect in order to avoid delay.

The question of delay did not arise in the present case, but their Lordships wished to re-emphasise the necessity for professional rules.

Further, they understood that there might be some doubt as to whether the duty lay on the Registrar of Criminal Appeals or on counsel to take the necessary steps to inform previous counsel and solicitors of the allegations made.

Those were matters which must be resolved speedily and their Lordships would press the Bar Council to take urgent steps to deal with the problem so as to ensure that it did not arise again.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Brighton.

Duty to allow evidence

Regina v Armstrong

Where a defendant wished the prosecution to read part of a witness statement which would have shown that a prosecution witness had made a statement entirely consistent with his alibi notice, the judge erred in acceding to the prosecution's submission that it was not obliged to do so.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Hirst, Mr Justice Hidden and Mr Justice Mitchell) so held on February 24 when dismissing the appeal of Derek Brian Armstrong against his conviction on March 12, 1993 at Newcastle Crown Court (Judge MacMurray, QC and a jury) of offences of robbery and possession of a firearm.

MR JUSTICE HIDDEN said that counsel for the Crown had relied on *R v Nugent* ([1977] 1 WLR 789 to support his submission that he had a discretion whether or not to call a witness.

The court, however, considered that *Nugent* was merely an example of the rule laid down in *R v Oliva* ([1965] 1 WLR 1028), which placed a clear duty on the Crown either to call or tender a witness whose evidence was capable of belief.

In *Nugent* the witness's evidence was not so capable.

There had accordingly been an irregularity in the trial but in the circumstances it was not a material irregularity.

Lift not educational

Regina v Lambeth London Borough Council, Ex parte M

The provision of a lift at a mainstream primary school to enable a disabled pupil to use the science room and library on the first floor could not be regarded as a provision for an educational need in the context of the local authority's statement of special educational needs.

Mr Justice Owen so held in the Queen's Bench Division on April 26 when dismissing an application by the mother of a disabled girl, now aged 10, for judicial review of the failure of the London Borough of Lambeth to provide a lift at her daughter's school.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the council was under no statutory obligation to install a lift. If the provision of a lift was necessary, it was necessary to assist the girl's mobility and not as a special educational provision.

However, his Lordship referred the matter back to the council for a re-assessment of the educational and non-educational needs of the pupil.

Video works encouraging human sexual activity

Kent County Council v Multi Media Marketing (Canterbury) Ltd and Another
Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Curtis
[Judgment May 4]

"Human sexual activity" for the purpose of section 2(2) of the Video Recordings Act 1984 could fall short of masturbation and "video work", under that Act, could be said to be designed to stimulate or encourage such activity even though it could not be regarded as hard core pornography or as offensive.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an appeal by the prosecution by way of case stated against the acquittal by Medway Justices on May 18, 1994 of Multi Media Marketing (Canterbury) Ltd and Paul Buckland, the company's managing director.

The informations included offences of supplying and being in possession of video work, contained on computer disks, in respect of which no classification certificates had been issued by the British Board of Film Classification, contrary to sections 9 and 10 of the 1984 Act.

The respondent company organised a club known as The Interactive Girls Club which was dedicated to the production of erotic adult computer entertainment. The disks contained a game on completion of which there were produced short moving images of naked women.

Section 2 of the 1984 Act provides: "(2) A video work is not an exempted work ... if, to any significant extent, it depicts — (a) human sexual activity ... (c) human genital organs ... or is designed to any significant extent to stimulate or encourage anything falling within paragraph (a)..."

Mr Simon Blackford for the prosecution; the justices and the defendants did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that there were two issues before the justices as to the disks. First, whether they were video work within the definition of section 1 of the 1984 Act and second, whether they were exempted under section 2.

As to the first issue the justices found that while it was possible for a series of computer images to become a moving picture, the duration of the images and the quality of their display was insufficient to bring them within that term.

His Lordship said that although continuity was relevant, it had been inappropriate to take into account the brevity of the display. Provided the sequence was long enough to show continuing movement it could properly be described as a moving picture.

The justices further found that even if they were wrong in their conclusion that the disks did not constitute video work, the disks (i) could properly be described as video games and therefore exempted work under section 2(1)(c) and (ii) they did not fall foul of the section 2(2) sexuality provisions.

In his Lordship's judgment, the only video work was the clip of the women itself as the game was not a moving picture and therefore fell outside the definition of video work.

The clip was no more or no less than a reward for completing the game and could not itself constitute a game.

That finding made it strictly unnecessary to consider the sexuality provisions in section 2(2) but their Lordships would deal with them given the increasing future importance of the area having regard to the development of computer technology and skills.

The justices had concluded that human sexual activity could only mean acts of copulation or masturbation, either real or simulated; that female genitalia were internal organs only and excluded images of labia shown in one clip and that the clips were only mildly suggestive, stretching credulity in the assertion that they could either stimulate or encourage sexual activity.

As to human sexual activity, his Lordship accepted the submission of the prosecution that activity short of masturbation might well qualify for such a description. The clips plainly depicted human sexual activity.

Female genitalia need not be confined to internal organs. On the contrary a full shot of labia was properly to be regarded as a depiction of human genital organs.

Furthermore, his Lordship said that it was unnecessary, when considering the question of whether the work was designed to stimulate or encourage human sexual activity, that the clips be regarded as hard pornography or as offensive. That they could be described as "mildly suggestive" only was not inconsistent with their stipulated end.

Accordingly the appeal would succeed but the case would not be remitted to the justices.

Mr Justice Curtis gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mr Derek P. Clephan, Maidstone.

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Why BBC was denied 'Panorama' appeal

Houston and Another v British Broadcasting Corporation
Before the Lord President (Lord Hope), Lord Murray and Lord McCluskey
[Judgment April 4]

Where, three days before local government elections, the court had granted interim interdict against a proposed broadcast of a television programme until after 9pm on the day of the poll, and a reclaiming motion had been refused half an hour before the programme was to have been transmitted, the court would not grant leave to appeal to the House of Lords, partly because such an appeal would require at least a further day, and given that all that could be gained by an appeal was that the broadcast could be made 24 hours earlier than the interdict permitted, the case lacked the extreme urgency and importance necessary to justify granting leave.

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing a motion by the British Broadcasting Corporation for leave to appeal to the House of Lords under section 40(1)(b) of the Court of Session Act 1988 against an interlocutor of the Inner House adhering to an interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary granting interim interdict at the instance of Mr Brian Houston and Mr Patrick Chalmers.

Mr Andrew Hardie, QC, Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, Mr Colin Boyd, QC, and Mr Desmond Browne for the pursuers; Mr James Taylor for the BBC.

THE LORD PRESIDENT, delivering the opinion of the court, said that when the case had come before the Lord Ordinary on the afternoon of April 3 he had been asked to consider whether the pursuers had made out a *prima facie* case that, if the BBC were to broadcast in Scotland an extended interview with the Prime Minister on the *Panorama* programme that evening, they would be in breach of their duty to treat controversial subjects with due impartiality; and second, whether the balance of convenience favoured the granting of interim interdict to prevent the broadcast until after 9pm on Thursday April 6 following the close of the poll in local government elections which were to take place in Scotland on that day.

The Lord Ordinary had reached a decision in favour of the pursuers on both issues and granted interim interdict.

In reclaiming, Mr Taylor made it clear that he was not seeking to challenge the decision on either of those two issues, but to present a further argument, that the pursuers, who were candidates at the election, had not made out a *prima facie* case that they had a title and interest to bring the proceedings.

The matter came before their Lordships half an hour before the programme was due to be broadcast. They were persuaded that on that new issue a *prima facie* case had been made out: see *Wilson v IBA* (1979 SC 351).

The BBC had now enrolled for leave to appeal to the House of Lords. However, it would not be possible for the House to resolve the issue of principle if leave was granted.

The question for the House of Lords, in a matter of that kind which depended so much on the exercise of a discretion by their Lordships' court, would not be whether they would have decided the issue differently but whether their Lordships had gone so far wrong that they had to set aside the decision to adhere to the decision of the Lord Ordinary.

Any idea which the BBC might have that their Lordships' court had decided the issue of principle by coming to a definitive view upon it was misconceived. So was any idea that the House of Lords in an appeal against their Lordships' interlocutor would be able to come to such a view.

Mr Taylor said that there were considerations pointing to the balance of convenience which justified granting leave. The BBC were anxious to broadcast the programme as early as possible. It dealt with topical matters and it was at least possible that delay would cause them to lose their topicality.

Their Lordships were not impressed by that argument. In the first place, the Lord Ordinary's decision on the balance of the convenience had not been challenged.

Second, it was far from clear, and Mr Taylor had been unable to elaborate on that point, that the issues in the programmes were of such a nature that it was a matter of urgency that they be broadcast.

Then there were practical considerations. An appeal to the House of Lords from the Court of Session required various stages to be gone through. The first was the seeking of leave, where that was required.

If leave was granted, the papers had then to be made up for the use of the Appellate Committee in London. Among them there would require to be a written opinion from their Lordships giving the reason for the decision.

The Appellate Committee had then to decide whether the matter was of such urgency that it was willing to sit at very short notice. Its decision had then to be reported to the House on a motion which might be open to debate before judgment could be pronounced.

Even then matters were not over, because a judgment of the House of Lords had no effect in Scotland until the Court of Session had pronounced a further interlocutor to apply the judgment. Before a motion to that effect could be enrolled copies of the judgment had to be lodged in process in the court.

It was clear that, unless it could be regarded as a case of extreme urgency and importance, which it was not, there was no reasonable prospect of all those steps being completed on April 4. At best for the BBC therefore the process would be completed on April 5 in time for the programme to be shown on Wednesday evening, the evening before the elections.

Those considerations far outweighed any advantage that the BBC was likely to achieve by showing the programme 24 hours earlier than they could lawfully do so in terms of the Lord Ordinary's interlocutor.

Law agents: Drummond Miller, WS; McGrigor Donald.

Rights in dismissal over transfer

Stirling District Council v Allan
Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Morison and Lord Morton of Shuna
[Judgment March 17]

The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794) unambiguously provided that the rights of an employee who was unfairly dismissed in connection with the transfer of an undertaking lay solely against the transferee and not against his former employer.

EC Council Directive 77/187 (OJ 1977 L61/26) was inconsistent with any other interpretation of the regulations. Moreover, the fact that an employee was dismissed before the transfer, albeit for a reason connected with it, did not mean that sole liability for his dismissal was not transferred to the transferee.

The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, allowing an appeal by Stirling District Council against a decision of the industrial tribunal dismissing an application by Mr Robert Allan and others, and restoring the order of the industrial tribunal.

Mr Ian Truscott for council; Mr Graham Bell, QC, for the respondents.

LORD MORISON, delivering the opinion of the court, said that the respondents had been employed in the council's direct services organisation. Those services had been submitted to competitive tendering and the contract had been awarded to a company named Brophy Ltd. The respondents had been dismissed with effect from December 31, 1992. From January 1, 1993 Brophy had assumed responsibility for performing the service. The industrial tribunal had held that the dismissals had been unfair by virtue of regulation 8 of the 1981 Regulations because the reason for them had been "the transfer or a reason connected with it". That finding was not in dispute.

However, regulation 5(2)(a) provided that "all the transferor's rights, powers, duties and liabilities under or in connection with any [contract of employment] shall be transferred ... to the transferee".

The Employment Appeal Tribunal had held that the word "transfer" could mean either that liability was imposed solely upon the transferee or that it remained with the transferor but was imposed on the transferee as well.

They had concluded that it "would not be right to regard regulation 5(2) as transferring to the transferee responsibility for a dismissal carried out entirely by the transferor ... to the exclusion of any liability on the transferor in the absence of an express provision to that effect".

In their Lordships' opinion there was no ambiguity in regulation 5(2). The word "transferred" necessarily denoted that all the transferor's liabilities passed to the transferee and that the transferor was no longer subject to any of them: see *Ibex Trading Co Ltd v Walton* ([1994] ICR 907, 916). The word could not bear any other meaning in the circumstances.

Their Lordships agreed with the appeal tribunal that an employer's liability should not be excluded in the absence of express provision or necessary implication, but regulation 5(2) unambiguously and clearly expressed that exclusion (compare regulation 5(4)).

EC Council Directive 77/187 could not affect the construction of the regulations except to the extent that there might be an ambiguity in the provision made by them. However, the terms of the directive were inconsistent with the respondents' submissions.

The proviso to article 3(1) clearly confirmed that it had not been intended that there should be any continuation of the transferor's liabilities if provision to that effect was not made by the member state.

In any event, in *Berg v Besselsen; Busschers v Same* (Cases 144 and 145/87 ([1990] ICR 396), the European Court had refused to give effect to an argument based on the general principle that a debt might be transferred only with the creditor's consent, on the ground that the principle was overridden by the directive.

If it was considered, contrary to their Lordships' view, that there was any ambiguity in the regulations as to whether the United Kingdom had chosen to exercise the power to provide for joint liability, reference might be made to the statement of the Under-Secretary of State for Employment in seeking parliamentary approval of them (*Hansard*, December 7, 1981, cols 686, 696).

The respondents had contended, in the alternative, that their rights against the appellants had not been transferred because they had not been "employed (by the transferor) immediately before the transfer" in terms of regulation 5(3).

The effect, if that was correct, was that the protection afforded by the regulations so as to enable employees to proceed against the transferee was not available to the respondents merely because their notices of dismissal had expired on December 31 rather than at the time of the transfer.

However, even if there had been a break in the respondents' employment before the occurrence of the transfer, that was immaterial. The position was clearly governed by the decision in *Lister v Forth Dry Dock & Engineering Co Ltd* (1989 SC (HL) 96), which had held that regulation 5(3) had to be construed on the footing that the regulation applied also to persons who would have been employed immediately before the transfer if they had not been unfairly dismissed before the transfer for a reason connected with it.

Lord Keith had pointed out that a number of decisions of the European Court, in particular (Case 101/87) *P. Bork International A/S v Foreningen af Arbejdsledere i Danmark* ([1988] ECR 3057) had had the result that where employees had been dismissed by a transferor for such a reason at a time before the transfer took effect, then for the purposes of article 3(1) they were treated as still employed at the time of the transfer.

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TODAY: **Greg Jones** on how parents can help to prepare their 11-year-olds for the science tests

Young scientists put on their mettle

The prospect of national science tests for 11-year-olds probably causes parents more worry than their children. The subject is often regarded as "difficult" and, traditionally, has been seen as something to be formally tested at secondary rather than primary school.

But, thanks to the national curriculum, science is now taught routinely in the primary sector. Parents can play an important part in ensuring that pupils perform to the best of their ability in next week's tests once they understand what is involved. The examiners do not help matters by giving unnecessarily complicated titles to the three subject areas which make up science — biology, chemistry and physics.

Most children will sit two 35-minute written tests: the first next Monday, the second on Thursday, May 18. Teachers will assess children of lower ability by taking them through specially designed tasks. Exceptionally bright children who have been accelerated to cover additional material will sit an extension test lasting 30 minutes on Friday, May 19.

Some children will already be battle-hardened veterans of tests taken against the clock in the quiet of an examination. But for many the experience will be new. Teachers should have allayed some of their pupils' uncertainties by familiarising them with the layout of the tests.

In contrast to English and mathematics, the science tests do require some factual knowledge. Herein lies another possible source of anxiety for children. It is likely that they will face questions which, for various reasons, they cannot answer. It is important that this is explained to children before they go into the tests. Being prepared for such an eventuality will relieve them greatly and reduce the chances of panic during the test itself.

Pupils should also be encouraged to take their time. Rather than finish early, it is better to "think twice" before answering each question.

At this age, children can be very careless: but if they understand that they have plenty of time, it will help to relax them and increase their chances of success.

Some of the questions require children to follow instructions carefully. It is important to read these instructions several times until they are fully understood. Answers need to be written as neatly as possible. Use a ruler to draw straight lines.

■ How can you help to prepare your child for the tests?

Science is a particularly tricky subject to revise for, because any area of the curriculum can crop up in the tests.

However, certain topics are more easily tested than others. With luck, teachers will have started to refresh pupils' memories about some areas they have covered in the dim and distant past.

I have tried to identify topics that are worth looking over again with children. Of course, there is no guarantee that all will crop up in the test itself.

■ Biology (life and living processes):

Children should know:
a) The position of the major parts of a human being: for example, the heart, lungs, gullet, stomach, liver, pancreas and intestine. Also the major parts of the skeleton, such as the skull.
b) The major parts of a flowering plant: for example, the leaves, shoot, root, petals, sepals, stamen (male part) and carpel (female part); and the conditions required for germination of seeds: warmth, oxygen, moisture and light.
c) The effect of exercise on the body: an increased heart rate, increased breathing rate and sweating.
d) Characteristics of living things, such as reproduction, growth, breathing, movement, sensitivity, excretion and feeding (what forms a balanced diet for humans, for example protein, fat, vitamins, roughage, minerals and water).
e) Simple food chains; remember that in linking one organism that feeds on another, the arrow should point in the direction of the energy flow. Grass → Rabbit → Fox. Pupils should understand terms such as herbivore (plant-eater), carnivore (meat-eater), producer (green plants) and decomposer (fungi and bacteria).

■ Chemistry (materials and their properties):

Children should know about:
a) Grouping materials. For example, they should be able to group materials according to such things as strength, flexibility, hardness, how well they allow electricity to move through them, or whether or not they are attracted to a magnet.
b) Dangers associated with certain materials such as bleach or hot oil.
c) The water cycle. For instance, where rain comes from (evaporation from the sea), why it rains (cooling produces condensation) and how fresh water is recycled. Remember the three states: gas, liquid and solid. For example for water: steam, liquid and ice. Understand the terms condensation, evaporation, freezing and melting.
d) Separating mixtures. For example, how to purify rock salt by filtration and evaporation.
e) Combustion of simple elements and the role of oxygen in the burning.
f) Weathering: how the weather can, for example, erode buildings by frost or acid rain.

■ Physics (physical processes):

Children should know about:
a) Fuels. For example, some of the fuels used in the home, where they come from. The products of burning oil, natural gas etc are water and carbon dioxide. Differences between non-renewable resources, such as oil, and renewable, such as wind power.
b) Forces and motion. How forces affect the movement of objects and their direction. The effects of friction, for example air resistance.
c) Light. For example, sources such as Sun and Moon. Know that light can be reflected from a surface. Light travels more quickly than sound (example: the smoke from a starter's gun is seen before the bang is heard). Know the seven colours of the spectrum (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet).
d) The Earth and the Solar System. The order of the planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto).
e) Circuits. Know the symbols used to represent simple parts used in diagrams (bulb, cell, push switch, motor, buzzer). For circuit diagrams, ruled lines should be used and symbols drawn neatly. Know that increasing the voltage increases the brightness of a bulb or the strength of an electromagnet.

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JEREMY YOUNG

Pupils at Halstead School, Woking, investigate the snail world

LAST YEAR'S LEVEL 3 (BELOW AV)

Copper, steel and wood are used by builders.
Tick the box which shows why builders use each material.

a) **Electric wires** are made from **copper** because copper

... is shiny ☐
... is not magnetic ☐
... is a conductor ☐

b) **Buildings** are made with **steel** because steel

... is a conductor ☐
... is rigid ☐
... rusts ☐

c) **Doors** are made from **wood** because wood

... splinters ☐
... is absorbent ☐
... is easily shaped ☐

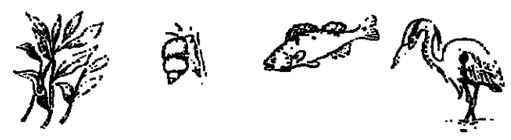
d) **Electric wires** are covered with **plastic** because plastic

... is not magnetic ☐
... is not a conductor ☐
... is easily melted ☐

LEVEL 4 (AVERAGE)

The food chain below shows creatures which feed on other living things in the pond.
The start of the chain is the pond weed.

Pond Weed → Water Snail → Fish → Heron



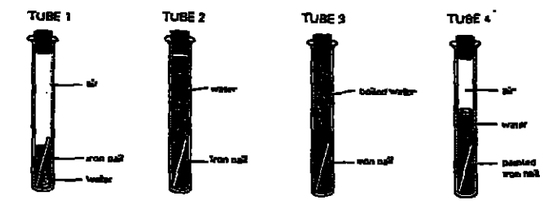
Explain the steps in this food chain in your own words.

Name ONE living thing in this food chain which is the producer.

Draw or write a food chain of your own. Include at least THREE steps in the chain.

LEVEL 5 (ABOVE AVERAGE)

Some children were investigating ways of stopping iron rusting. They set up some plastic tubes as shown in the drawing below.



a) The nail in Tube 1 rusted a lot.
The nail in Tube 2 rusted much less.
Explain this difference.

b) The nail in Tube 3 only rusted a bit.
Explain why the boiled water helped to stop rust.

c) The nail in Tube 4 did not rust.
Explain why the paint stopped the nail from rusting.

John O'Leary on the weak spots exposed by the pilot test last year

Tricky circuit

Next week's science papers for 11-year-olds represent the biggest departure in the latest round of tests. There was little assessment in the subject at this age on which to model the tests, and they have had their critics at the pilot stage.

Preparatory schools involved in the pilot were less happy with the science tests than with mathematics or science. Robin Peverett, the education director of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, says: "Some of the questions could have been answered by a pupil with broad general knowledge without any science teaching at all."

Overall, however, 70 per cent of teachers said their pupils found the tests interesting and achieved the levels their schools expected. Boys did better in science while girls did slightly better in mathematics and English.

The biggest problem many children faced was their ignorance of scientific terms. The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority has tried to use more straightforward language in this year's questions, but it will be worth going over words that have a particular meaning in a scientific context.

Average scores in the physical processes section were lower than for biology or chemistry. A question on circuits, using standard representations of a circuit, defeated many children; those on forces also caused problems, especially one dealing with air resistance, as did questions on the movement of the Earth and the Moon. The best performance came in the biology section. Questions on the water cycle and the functions of the heart attracted consistently good answers.

Some detailed changes have been made to this year's tests after the experience of the pilot run, but the pattern of assessment has not changed. The chief differences will be in the assessment of 11-year-olds who are not thought capable of reaching level 3. They will still be assessed on classroom tasks, rather than formal tests, but the time involved will be shorter and the system will be more flexible.

Very few schools are expected to enter any pupils for the extension paper: only three of the 325 schools involved in the formal pilot did so last year. Even in the prep schools, where it is more likely that some pupils will be following the accelerated courses needed to have covered the necessary ground, only 4 per cent reached level 6.

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Nutrition firm wins prize for innovation

By Rodney Hobson

OXFORD Nutrition, a small business providing medical nutrition products, has won this year's Winning Business Awards organised by Securicor Cellular Services and the Federation of Small Businesses.

The firm has taken on major conglomerates in a highly competitive market. It has also developed an amino acid supplement for seriously ill patients. Previously, this important nutrient could not be included in diets for intensive care and special care baby units because of problems with stability and solubility.

The Oxford-based company has expanded sales to almost £1 million a year, nearly 7 per cent of the total market. Gil Hardy, managing director, plans to split the £2,500 prize money between a computer and further hospital research. Oxford Nutrients was the winner in the innovation category.

The customer care award went to Food Ferry, which delivers fresh, frozen and brand-named groceries to homes in central London. More than half its customers have been placing orders regularly since the company was set up five years ago and 95 per cent place repeat orders.

Romenda Healthcare won the creative promotions and marketing award. The London company produces a range of natural lotions and shampoos for thinning hair.

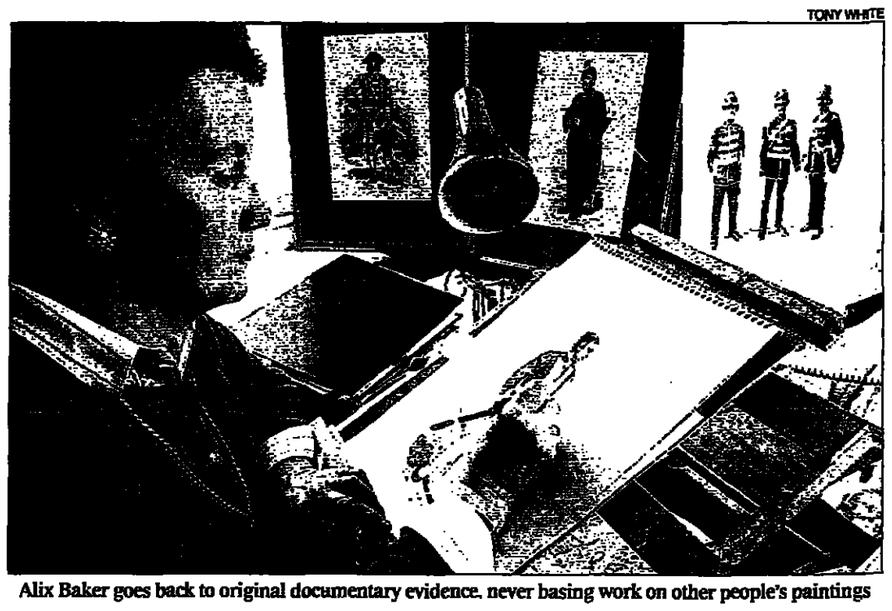
Henderson Warnock, a Glasgow firm of mechanical and electrical consulting engineers, won the cashwise category for its accounting system.

Category winners were awarded £500 each. Entries for the competition are launched in September.

Artist-designer puts the military on parade

By Jessica Gorst-Williams

TONY WHITE



Alix Baker goes back to original documentary evidence, never basing work on other people's paintings

AS A military artist running her own militaria business Alix Baker, 48, not only researches, paints and designs her product, but does all the marketing and administration singlehandedly as well. The daughter of a field marshal and wife of a retired brigadier, she also looks after her family and her mother.

Her first commission came through a family friend when she was 17. She was paid £5 to paint a military picture. After art college in London and a stint answering Harold Wilson's junk mail in Downing Street, she joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, serving in Singapore, Pakistan, and Saigon, during the Vietnam War.

"In Singapore, I found there was a demand for original military paintings. I limped along doing some until there was enough work to justify my giving up the Foreign and Commonwealth Office."

That was in 1972. She started researching and building up records on regimental uniforms and equipment, funding herself with painting and picture framing. In 1974, she married and in 1976 her husband moved to the Army Staff College, Camberley, giving her access to the treasure trove of military history in the library records of the college, the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, and the Prince Consort Library, Aldershot. She spent a year writing up notes.

She goes back to original documentary evidence, never basing work on other people's paintings. "The smallest detail, even a button, is crucial. With uniforms there are so many minutiae. A regiment abroad for years may have had to depend on local materials, or uniforms may have had to be adapted to campaign conditions. All this has to be researched.

"Since the Crimean War, there have been photographs and these can be very useful. Posture and stance are also vital. For instance, often people draw someone firing a musket with one eye shut while it should be done with both eyes open," she says.

Not all her pictures are historical. Regiments are keen to record the present and the constant feedback from the public telling her what they want is invaluable. By 1975, word about her work was spreading. Museums were commissioning and regiments that had bought one picture were expanding and ordering sets. At this stage, she was painting 20 or 30 pictures a year.

Through the years, this has increased and broadened. Her paintings, prints and postcards sold through her mail-order business are now collected worldwide. She draws battle maps for books and writes articles on uniforms. Several of her pictures are owned by the Royal Family. Design work includes a first-day cover and postmark for the Tower of London's 900th anniversary and some uniforms for the Sultan of Oman's household.

Much of the administration involves answering numerous inquiries from around the world and sending out sets of postcards. "Most are sold in limited editions of one or two thousand. At least 500 are immediately spoken for by regiments," she says. Otherwise, she charges £3 plus postage for a set of six. She sends out hundreds of such packages each year.

British sales teams gain from relaxation of frontier controls

By Brian Collett

THE abolition of frontier controls has cut the administration time spent by sales teams in many British and German small businesses by 30 per cent, says a European Commission survey on the impact of the single market.

The time and money saved on bureaucracy were among the benefits highlighted by the survey, which was conducted among more than 140 small and medium-sized enterprises by 12 European Information Centres, the offices that help businesses on all aspects of trading within the EC.

The report, which gave a generally favourable verdict, said another benefit was that customers could be offered new services, such as improved delivery.

A Spanish company claimed that the relaxation of controls had cut administrative costs by 98 per cent and a Belgian company said its lorries now covered 25 per cent more miles in any given time.

Direct trading benefits are prominent in the report. Many firms said that the single market had opened up trading in other EC countries for the first time. Other companies said they were now selling more in countries where they had already begun trading.

The benefits for exporters were two-way, the report said. Companies were finding a wider range of suppliers from which to choose because they had gone into other member states to trade.

The increased competition had sharpened up some businesses, the report said, encouraging them to seek certification to confirm the quality of their goods and services.

Mario Monti, the Internal Market Commissioner, said: "Such surveys are particularly useful because the information comes straight from the horse's mouth — if these small and medium-sized enterprises don't know the realities of the market place, then nobody does."

Disadvantages uncovered by the survey, however, included the red tape, delay and costs involved in collecting payment from customers in other EC countries. The Council of Ministers is discussing a directive to simplify procedures.

Another effect of increased competition was that prices had to be held down and, as a result, profit margins were squeezed.

A second survey published by the commission showed that small businesses had difficulties with standardisation, certification, quality assurance and safety requirements in the single market. For example, only half the 840 businesses contacted knew about the CE mark that certifies the health and safety standard of products and only a fifth knew when it could be used.

Monti: "useful survey"

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BRIEFINGS

Radical reform of the county court and small claims systems are needed if creditors are not to suffer undue delay in recovering bad debts, according to Geoffrey Ognall, chairman of Legal & Trade, a leading debt collector. Mr Ognall called on the Government to "market test" the administrative functions of county courts, including the management of administration orders. He said: "There is no reason why the due process of the law should not be separated from processing and administration. If the Government makes it easier, cheaper, and more effective for creditors to use the existing courts, late payment and bad debt would be less of a problem."

☐ Export orders won by small firms are the major growth area of the economy, says the latest quarterly survey by the CBI and Pannell Kerr Forster, the business consultants. While exports are growing fastest for 18 years and optimism remains high, the pace of domestic orders is expected to slow in the coming months. Costs for small businesses are rising and margins are falling, but small businesses expect to continue to create jobs.

☐ Smaller companies will be able to meet potential new clients from across the Channel at the Wales European Business Fair on May 11 and 12. People from continental industries, as well as multinationals and small and medium-sized enterprises from Wales and other parts of Britain will attend the fair at Cardiff International Arena. Features include help with developing in Central and Eastern Europe, a "meet the buyer" forum by the business centre of Cardiff & Vale Enterprise and an environmental advice shop. Seminar subjects include quality management, marketing, telecommunications and getting the best from PR. Contact: Ian Jones, 01222 457111.

☐ More small parishes have lost their village shops over the past three years, according to the Rural Development Commission. The number without a permanent shop has risen to 41 per cent and those without a post office to 43 per cent, both up 2 per cent. But more than two-thirds of parishes with up to 10,000 population have a pub.

☐ More than 100 Business Links, the one-stop shops providing support services to businesses, are now open. The Government's target for the end of the year is 200.

☐ The European Commission has allocated 6.2 million ecus (£5.1 million) to help Northern Ireland small and medium-sized businesses to invest in better telecommunications, to improve their chances of winning public-sector contracts and to enable them to use support services such as marketing.

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COMPANIES

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Shell and BP expected to benefit from price rises

The oil sector will be in the spotlight this week, with BP and Shell, two of the world's biggest multinationals, expected to report strongly improved first-quarter results on the back of rising oil prices.

Paul Spedding at Kleinwort Benson says that the US oil majors have already signalled the main trends, which have seen a deterioration in refining offset by further recovery in chemicals. Although earnings should be well up on the first quarter of last year, they are seen being little changed from the fourth quarter. However, second-quarter earnings are expected to see an underlying improvement as a result of higher oil prices and improved refining margins. The average oil price has risen to $17 a barrel ($14) and will be a big boost.

BP: Mr Spedding is looking for first-quarter replacement cost net income, due today, to advance to £429 million, compared with £305 million in the first quarter of 1994 and £427 million in the fourth quarter. Market forecasts range from £410 million to £442 million.

Kleinwort says that chemicals should be "storming" ahead, but refining and marketing has collapsed and the relatively mild weather has not helped matters.

UNILEVER: Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and household products giant whose brands include Wall's ice cream, Persil soap powders and Flora margarine, should unveil modestly higher first-quarter profits later today.

In the first quarter of last year, about £40 million of exceptional one-off gains boosted profits to £452 million. The latest results are forecast to show pre-tax profits ahead to £465 million, according to UBS, which thinks volumes should continue to improve through the rest of the year. Market forecasts range from £458 million to £485 million.

GENERAL ACCIDENT: First-quarter profits tomorrow from the composite insurer will show a sharp recovery, although the driving force behind the increase will be an absence of bad-weather and earthquake claims that depressed the comparable quarter last year. The UK improvement is expected to have come to an end, with the possibility of a slight downturn. David Hudson at Credit Lyonnais Laing has pencilled in first-quarter pre-tax profits of £90 million, against £60.4 million. Market forecasts range from £90 million to £101 million.

ROYAL INSURANCE: Royal will see a sharp rise in first-quarter profits, largely due to a sharp drop in claims relating to severe weather, especially in the US and Canada, and the Californian earthquake. First-quarter pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, are forecast to jump to £89 million (£32 million), according to Credit Lyonnais Laing.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND: A combination of lower bad debts and further profits growth from Direct Line, the car insurance and mortgage organisation, is expected to fuel an advance in first-half profits at the bank. Hugh Pye at BZW is looking for tomorrow's interim pre-tax profits to climb to £255 million (£201 million), giving earnings of 17.6p (13.5p) a share. An improved interim dividend of 4.8p (4p) is predicted. Forecasts range from £255 million to £302 million.

BZW expects Direct Line's profits contribution to increase to £55 million (£41 million), though there is some concern that the rate of growth may be slowing. Bad debts at RBS are expected to drop to £80 million (£111 million), but this would still represent a rise on the £71 million of bad debts in the second half of last year. In spite of rationalisation, there are concerns the bank's cost base may be too high and its income base too low.

SCOTTISH POWER: Temporary rationalisation and restructuring costs are expected to hold back profits growth at the power generator, but future profits should benefit from cost savings and increased revenue from exports. UBS, the house broker, is looking for final pre-tax profits, due tomorrow, to advance to £369 million (£351 million), with a dividend of 4.6p (4p). Market forecasts range from £369 million to £385 million.

J SAINSBURY: The group is tomorrow expected to maintain its title as the most profitable supermarket chain. NatWest Securities expects full-year pre-tax profits to advance to £805 million (£731 million). Market forecasts range from £795 million to £810 million. A dividend of 11.1p (10.6p) is predicted.

NatWest expects Homebase and Shaws to increase their profit contributions by nearly 30 per cent, while the UK supermarket operation is expected to report an operating profit increase of 11 per cent.

Analysts are particularly keen to hear how much longer Sainsbury will tolerate the implied loss of packaged grocery market share to Tesco. Sainsbury can only reply on price to increase its sales, which have been running behind Tesco. Analysts argue that Sainsbury's gross margins are running above a year ago, while Tesco's are probably slightly down, or at best, constant. Consequently, Sainsbury has the scope to reinvest in price and buy back market share.

GRAND METROPOLITAN: GrandMet, the food and drinks giant guided by Lord Sheppard and George Bull, chief executive, and whose empire spans Burger King fast foods to Häagen-Dazs ice creams, is likely to reveal a dip in first-half profits as a result of a number of one-off negative factors, according to NatWest Securities.

NatWest expects interim pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to slip to £431 million (£437 million), though the interim should be raised to 5.45p (5.15p).

Market forecasts range from £431 million to £450 million. NatWest says the interims should mark the low point in the group's profit performance, with the interim fall expected to be reversed in the second half.

Operating profits in the United States, the group's main profits source, are set to rise by a modest 2 per cent, although underlying growth stands at nearer 8 per cent. The weakening dollar will also have an adverse effect, though the hot weather should be doing wonders for sales of Häagen-Dazs ice creams. Drinks, where leading brands include J&B, Smirnoff and Baileys, are forecast to grow 3 per cent in America and 6 per cent elsewhere.

ROYAL DUTCH/SHELL: Thursday's first-quarter replacement cost net income is forecast to climb to £1.09 billion, compared with £989 million in the first quarter of 1994 and £1.08 billion in the fourth quarter, according to Kleinwort Benson. Market forecasts range from £1.08 billion to £1.16 billion. There will be benefits from a higher oil price, though mild weather has depressed European gas volumes.

Häagen-Dazs was good for GrandMet but Lord Sheppard, left, and George Bull may report a profits dip

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

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Finals: Appleby Westward, Drayton Blue Chip Trust, German Smaller Companies Investment, Ryan Hotels, J Sainsbury, Scottish Power.
Economic statistics: Index of production for Scotland (Q4), CBI/BSL regional trends survey (May).

THURSDAY

Interims: Grand Metropolitan, MMT Computing, Royal Dutch/Shell (Q1), Royal Insurance (Q1), Willis Corroon.
Finals: Bank of Ireland, Berry Birch & Noble, Parkland Group, Time Products, Warner Howard.
Economic statistics: Balance of visible trade (February), retail prices index (April), housing starts and completions (March), Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin (Q1) (May issue), Bank of England *Inflation Report* (Q1).

FRIDAY

Interims: Utility Cable.
Finals: Audax Properties, Value & Income Trust.
Economic statistics: Usable steel production (April). Confederation of British Industry survey of distributive trades (April), index of production (March), capital issues and redemptions (May).

ECONOMIC VIEW

Data on inflation hold key to rates

THIS will be a key week for sterling and the reputation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. After his shock decision to leave interest rates unchanged — completely against market expectations — there will be acute interest in this week's statistics to see whether his arguments for unchanged rates are borne out.

The key piece of news is the publication of the Bank of England's *Inflation Report* on Thursday which will be scrutinised for its comments on inflation pressures. If the Bank has become more pessimistic about meeting the inflation target because of sterling's weakness, it will become fairly clear that there was a disagreement last Friday between the Bank and the Chancellor.

The key element will be whether the Bank projects a rise in underlying inflation above 2.5 per cent, the mid-point of the Government's target range, by the end of this Parliament. That would be a clear indication that the Bank believes rates should rise.

The *Inflation Report* coincides with publication of April's retail prices index. This release is expected to show small declines in both the headline and underlying rates of inflation to 3.3 per cent and 2.7 per cent respectively from 3.5 per cent and 2.8 per cent. Although both indices are expected to rise sharply in the month because of the lowering of mortgage tax relief and council tax increases, annual rates will still fall, because last year's imposition of VAT on fuel falls out of the annual comparison.

RPIY, the measure that the Bank of England prefers, and which leaves out mortgage payments and indirect taxes, is forecast to show a small increase in its annual rate to 2 per cent from 1.9 per cent.

On Friday, manufacturing and industrial output figures for March are revealed. Industrial production is expected to have risen by about 0.5 per cent and manufacturing by the same amount compared with February. This is a key release because one of Mr Clarke's justifications for leaving rates unchanged was first-quarter GDP figures showing that the industrial sector was virtually flat during the period.

Also on Friday, the Confederation of British Industry publishes its distributive trades survey for April, a good indicator of what is happening to consumer demand in the retailing sector.

Of less importance to the markets are Thursday's February trade figures. The deficit is expected to have narrowed from £1.14 billion in January to about £1 billion in February.

JANET BUSH

WORD-WATCHING

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LEAMER
(c) A nut fully ripe, chiefly in *brown leamer* a nut of which the husk has turned brown. Either from the dialect word for a drain in fen districts, or from another dialect word *to leam* meaning to shell nuts. "Clusters of ripe nuts, which you can crack when you have gathered them, brown leamers every one."

MAREMMA
(c) Low marshy insalubrious country by the sea shore, good for nothing except golf links and courting couples, from the Italian *maremma* "a country by the sea shore". "The steady increase of deadly maremma round Pisa and Venice".

MOOLVEE
(a) A Mohammedan doctor of the law, in India, a complimentary designation among Mohammedans for a teacher of Arabic, or a learned man generally. "Though there was no organised body of clergy, there was a class (called moolvees or mullahs) from which judges, lawyers, and ministers of religion were taken."

LARUM
(a) A call to arms, a battle-cry, news of an enemy's approach, any sound to warn of danger, hence a sudden attack. Shakespeare, *Coriolanus*, 1607: "Then shall we hear their Larum and they Ours."

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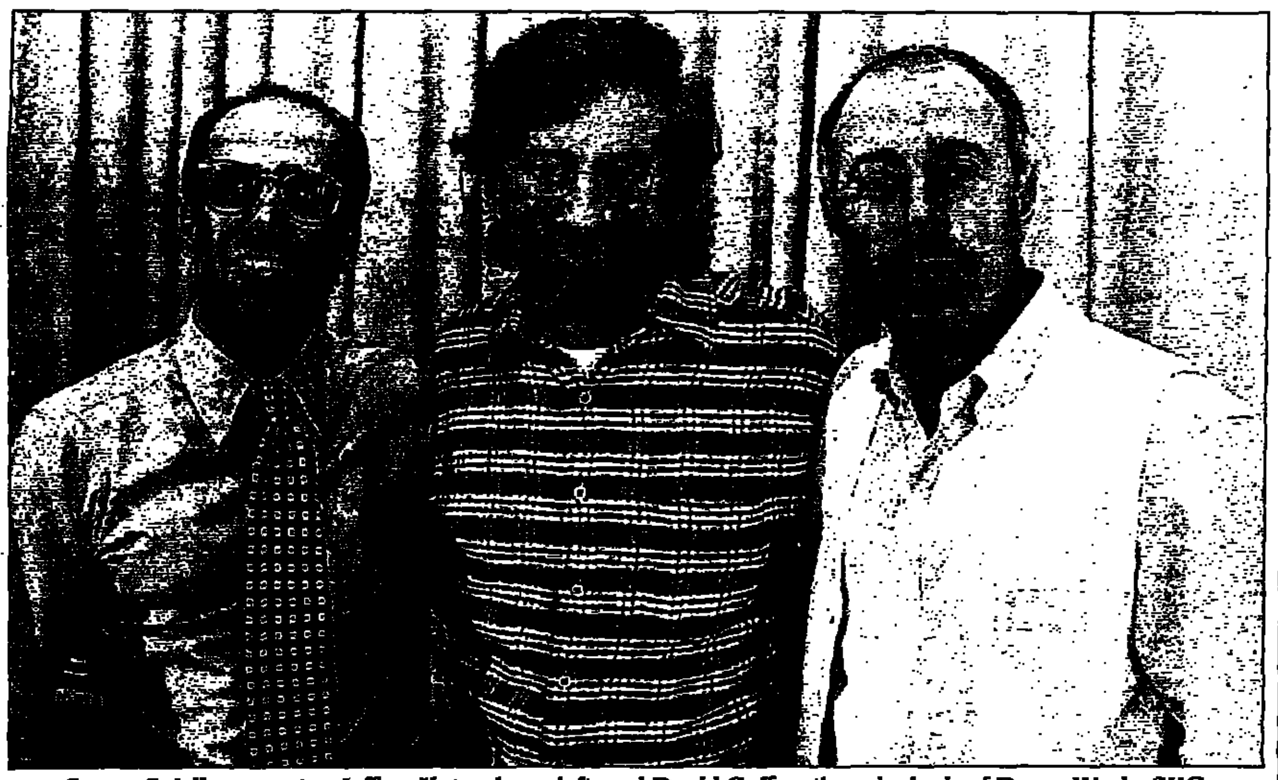
Steven Spielberg, centre, Jeffrey Katzenberg, left, and David Geffen, the principals of DreamWorks SKG

Tinseltown trio begin countdown for action

Hollywood's latest movie venture has at least $2 billion to play with, Sean Mac Carthaigh says

With the world's largest entertainment companies vying for its favour, almost $900 million of investors' cash already stashed in the bank, and a $1 billion line of credit, DreamWorks SKG is doing quite well for a fledgeling business venture that has yet to sell a minute of film or recorded tape. Its three principals, Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen, are almost ready to go to work.

By the start of this month, DreamWorks had its main finance package in place. The last piece of the jigsaw came from South Korea. One World Media, a subsidiary of Cheil Foods and Chemicals, has invested $300 million. The firm is run by Jay Lee, grandson of BC Lee, the founder of Samsung, the electronics giant. His sister, Miky Lee, is expected to have a place on the board of DreamWorks.

In October, when the venture was launched, insiders said that businesses run by the Lee family were willing to put up the entire $900 million set by the founders as a capitalisation goal. It is thought that the DreamWorks trio rejected the offer, fearing the possible dominance of such a large shareholder.

Paul Allen, who with his school friend, Bill Gates, founded the world-beating Microsoft group in 1975, announced in March that he would contribute $500 million to the new firm.

Two days later, Mr Gates revealed that Microsoft would invest an undisclosed sum in the new company, and that the two firms would form DreamWorks Interactive, a venture to create a new generation of Hollywood-inspired software for personal computers.

At the launch of the joint venture, Mr Spielberg confessed that he was a "video junkie", and insisted that his interest in technology grew each year. He described Microsoft as the best company in the world.

Mr Gates said that Microsoft programmers would start work immediately on new creative, interactive products, while Mr Spielberg said he and his partners would turn their creative energy towards the new medium. "You need the best talents in terms of making the computer sing and dance, and you need great entertainment talent. It will be the meeting of two worlds," Mr Gates claimed.

DreamWorks also negotiated a ten-year production deal with Home Box Office, the largest American pay-television station, which could be worth $1 billion, and has another arrangement with the ABC network. It is also believed to be discussing programming development with several networks outside America.

Meanwhile, MCA — 80 per cent of which was purchased recently by Seagram for $5.7 billion — is driving towards another high-profile deal. Led by Edgar Bronfman junior, the Canadian who once nurtured hopes of being a movie producer himself, MCA wants to sign a distribution deal with DreamWorks.

Under one proposal, MCA would distribute DreamWorks' films outside the US, while Mr Spielberg, Mr Katzenberg and Mr Geffen would retain the American rights. DreamWorks is also reported to be trying to sell the worldwide video rights to its films.

If the films are successful, and with Steven Spielberg directing some they seem sure to be, the international fees could be lucrative. MCA is said by insiders to be trying to beat off competition from Time Warner and Sony to clinch the contracts. The giant studio's music division is among those queuing up to distribute DreamWorks' albums.

With the $1 billion line of credit reportedly extended by Chemical Bank, and a further $100 million from each of the three founders, analysts say that DreamWorks now has liquid of at least $2 billion to play with.

Mr Katzenberg, whose departure from Disney shocked the entertainment industry, was quoted as saying: "I think we've now set the stage for our principal businesses; now we're going to get building and running them."

The company's plans involve the release of 24 feature films before the end of the decade. This calls for three movies next year, five in 1997, seven in 1998, and nine in 1999. In a forecast that is sure to send a shudder down the back of Disney, DreamWorks promises its first animated film in time for Christmas 1998.

At least three of the movies will be directed, hardly surprisingly, by Mr Spielberg. The name of the maker of *ET*, *Jurassic Park* and *Schindler's List* on the billboards is reckoned in the film industry to be a virtual guarantee of a movie's success.

Bank merger helps Dow Jones higher

SHARES on Wall Street were higher at midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average up nine points at 4,352.4. The Dow drew strength from cyclical and banking issues, where a merger announcement helped sentiment.

Advancing shares led declining issues by about ten to eight. US treasuries were mixed, with the long bond down ⅛ to yield 7.03 per cent.

West One Bancorp was up $1⅝ at $33¾ on news that it has agreed to merge with US Bancorp in a $1.6 billion deal. US Bancorp shares fell $2 3/16 to $24 9/16, in spite of Gerry Cameron, the chairman, expecting the merger to produce at least $84 million in savings, most of it in 1996.

Analysts said that the market was likely to try to hold its current levels, or attempt to move up as higher levels of bearishness indicated that there is still money on the sidelines (*Reuter*).

WALL STREET

	May 8 midday	May 5 close
AMP Inc	42¾	41½
AMR Corp	67⅝	67¾
AT & T	51½	51
Abbott Labs	40	40¾
Advanced Micro	35¼	34⅝
Aetna Life	59½	58¾
Ahmanson (HF)	22⅝	23½
Air Prod & Chem	50¾	50⅝
Albertson's	31½	31½
Alcan Aluminum	27⅝	27
Alco Standard	72⅝	72⅝
Allied Signal	41	41½
Alum Co of Am	43	41½
Amax Gold Inc	5⅝	5½
Amerada Hess	52¼	52⅝
Amer Brands	39⅝	40
Amer El Power	32¼	33
Amer Express	35¼	35⅝
Amer Genl Corp	33⅞	33⅞
Amer Home Pr	79¼	78¾
Amer Intl	110⅝	108¾
Amer Stores	25⅝	25⅞
Ameritech	45¼	45½
Amoco	68	68¾
Anheuser-Busch	58⅝	58⅝
Apple Computer	40⅝	38¼
Archer Daniels	19	19
Armco	6¼	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	48⅝	47¾
Asarco	25⅝	25¾
Ashland Oil	37¾	37⅝
Atl Richfield	115⅞	115
Auto Data Pro	64½	64¼
Avery Dennison	42⅝	41½
Avon Products	64	63⅞
Baker Hughes	22⅝	22⅞
Baltim Gas & El	24	24¼
Banc One	31	30¾
BankAmerica	50½	50⅝
Bank of NY	35	34⅝
Bankers Tr NY	57⅝	57⅝
Barnett Banks	47⅝	47⅝
Bausch & Lomb	39⅞	39⅞
Baxter Intl	34⅝	34¾
Becton Dicknsn	57⅝	57½
Bell Atlantic	55⅝	55½
Bell Industries	19⅞	20
BellSouth	61½	61½
Black & Decker	29¼	30
Block (H&R)	41½	41½
Boeing	53¼	54½
Boise Cascade	32⅝	33½
Bristol Myrs Sq	66½	66¼
Browning Ferris	35⅝	35¼
Brunswick	22	22⅝
Burlington Nthn	57⅝	56⅝
CBS	66	65⅝
CNA Financial	80⅝	80⅝
CPC Intl	59⅝	60
CSX	75½	76
Campbell Soup	48⅝	49⅝
Can Pacific	16⅝	16⅝
Cptl Cities ABC	85	85
Carolina Pwr	28⅞	28⅞
Caterpillar	55⅞	55⅞
Central & SW	24⅝	24⅝
Champion Intl	43¼	43⅝
Chase Manhat	44⅝	44½
Chemical Bk	43⅝	43⅝
Chevron Corp	48⅝	48⅝
Chrysler	42⅝	42
Chubb Corp	83⅝	82¾
Cigna Corp	72⅝	72⅝
Citicorp	49⅝	49⅝
Clorox	58⅝	58⅝
Coastal Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Coca Cola	60⅝	59⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	71½	72
Columbia Gas	29⅝	29⅝
Compaq Comp	37⅝	37⅝
Comp Ass Intl	68½	68¾
Conagra	33	33⅝
Conrail	52⅝	52
Cons Edison	28⅝	28⅝
Cons Nat Gas	38¼	39⅝
Cooper Inds	39	39¾
Corning Inc	34½	34
Crown Cork	42¼	42¾
Dana Corp	26½	26
Dayton Hudson	64⅝	64¾
Deere	82⅝	82½
Delta Air Lines	63⅞	63
Deluxe Corp	30⅝	30⅞
Detroit Edison	28⅝	28⅝
Digital Equip	43⅝	43¼
Dillard Dept St	24½	25
Disney (Walt)	53⅝	53⅞
Dominion Res	36½	36¼
Donelley (RR)	34½	34⅞
Dover Corp	66½	66½
Dow Chemical	69⅝	70
Dow Jones	35⅞	35⅝
Dresser	21½	21½
Duke Power	39⅝	40⅝
Dun & Brdstreet	53½	52⅝
Du Pont	67⅝	66⅝
Eastman Kodak	60⅝	61
Eaton Corp	57½	57⅝
Emerson Elec	68½	68½
Engelhard Corp	41½	40⅝

	May 8 midday	May 5 close
Enron Corp	34½	35
Entergy	22⅝	22⅝
Ethyl Corp	10⅝	10½
Exxon	70⅝	71
FMC Corp	62⅝	62⅝
FPL Group	37⅝	37½
Federal Express	62⅝	62½
Fed Nat Mtge	90⅝	89⅞
First Chicago	56½	56½
First Interstate	84⅝	83
First Union Rlty	7⅝	7⅝
Fleet Fnl Grp	33⅝	33½
Fluor Corp	50⅝	51
Ford Motor	26½	26½
GTE Corp	34	34⅝
Gannett	53½	53⅞
Gap Inc Del	31¼	30⅞
Gen Dynamics	45⅞	45⅞
Gen Electric	56¼	57¼
Gen Mills	61½	61¼
Gen Motors	43⅞	42¼
Gen Reinsurance	131½	129¾
Gen Signal	37¼	37⅞
Genuine Parts	39⅝	38¼
Georgia Pac	77⅝	77⅝
Gillette	85¼	84¼
Glaxo Wellc ADR	23½	23½
Goodrich (BF)	47⅝	47
Goodyear Tire	39⅝	39⅝
Grace (WR)	60⅞	58
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25⅝	25⅞
Great Wstn Fin	21½	21½
Halliburton	38⅝	38
Harcourt General	41½	41½
Heinz (HJ)	42	41½
Hercules	49⅝	49⅞
Hershey Foods	51½	51¼
Hewlett Packard	66⅝	66½
Hilton Hotels	77⅝	77⅝
Home Depot	41½	41¼
Homestake Mng	16¼	16¼
Honeywell	38⅝	38⅝
Household Intl	45¼	45⅞
Houston Inds	40⅝	40⅝
Humana	19	18⅝
ITT Corp	107⅝	107⅞
Illinois Tool	49⅞	50⅝
Illinova	23¼	23½
INCO	24	24½
Ingersoll Rand	36½	36⅞
Inland Steel	25½	25¼
Intel Corp	109⅝	108⅝
IBM	93⅝	93¼
Intl Flav & Fr	50⅝	51½
Intl Paper	77	76¼
James River Va	25½	26
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	65¼	65½
Kellogg	63½	63⅞
Kerr-McGee	53½	53⅞
Kimberly-Clark	56⅝	56¼
Kmart	13½	13⅞
Knight-Ridder	53⅝	53½
Lilly (Eli)	74¼	74¼
Limited Inc	20⅝	21
LIN Brdcstng	123½	123
Lincoln Nat	41½	41½
Litton	35⅞	35½
Liz Claiborne	18½	18⅝
Lockheed Martin	58¼	58½
Louisiana Pac	26¼	25⅝
MCI Comm	21½	21½
Marriott Int	35½	36¼
Marsh & McLnn	77¼	78
Masco Corp	27½	26⅞
May Dept St	36	36
Maytag Corp	16⅝	16⅞
McDonalds	36½	36½
McDonnell D	64½	64
McGraw Hill	73⅝	74
Mead Corp	51½	51½
Medtronic	73½	73½
Mellon Bk	41	40⅝
Melville Corp	35⅝	35½
Merck Inc	44⅝	44⅝
Merrill Lynch	47¼	47⅝
Minnesota Mine	59⅝	60¼
Mobil Corp	98⅝	99⅝
Monsanto	81¼	83½
Morgan (JP)	68	68⅝
Motorola Inc	58⅝	58
Natl Semi	24¼	24⅞
Natl Service Ind	28⅝	28⅝
Navistar Int	14	14
NBD Bancorp	31½	31½
NY Times A	22⅞	22⅞
Newmont Mng	41½	41½
Niag Mohawk	14½	14⅞
Nike B	77⅝	76¼
NL Industries	14¼	14⅝
Noram Energy	6½	6⅝
Nordstrom	38	37⅝
Norfolk Sthrn	64	64¼
Nthn State Pwr	45⅝	45⅝
Norwest Corp	27⅝	27
Nynex Corp	41½	41½
Occidental Pet	23¼	23⅞
Ohio Edison	20⅝	20⅞
Oracle Systems	30⅞	30¾
Oryx Energy Co	13⅝	13½
Owens Corning	35⅝	35¾

	May 8 midday	May 5 close
PPG Industries	38⅝	39⅝
PNC Bank	25¼	25⅞
Paccar Inc	46¼	46¼
Pacificorp	19⅝	19½
Pac Enterprises	25	25
Pac Gas & Elect	26¼	26½
Pac Telesis	29⅞	29⅞
Pall Corp	23⅞	23⅞
Panhandle East	23⅞	23⅝
Parker Hannifin	54⅝	54⅝
Peco Energy	26½	26½
Penney (JC)	43⅝	44½
Pennzoil	49⅞	49⅝
Pepsico	44½	44½
Pfizer	86½	87⅝
Phelps Dodge	54¼	55⅝
Philip Morris	71½	71½
Phillips Pet	35½	35½
Pitney Bowes	37	37⅝
Polaroid	35	34½
PriceCostco	14	14
Procter & Gmbl	70⅝	70⅝
Providian	33¼	34
Pub Serv E & G	28	28
Quaker Oats	35⅝	35⅝
Ralston Purina	49⅝	49⅝
Raychem Corp	35½	35¼
Raytheon	74⅝	74⅝
Reebok Intl	32⅝	32
Reynolds Metals	48¼	47⅝
Roadway Srvcs	44½	43½
Rockwell Intl	45	44¼
Rohm & Haas	60½	61½
Royal Dutch	126½	126½
Rubbermaid	29⅝	30
Safeco Corp	59⅝	58⅝
St Paul's Cos	48¼	48⅝
Salomon Inc	37⅝	37½
Santa Fe Pac	22¼	13⅝
Sara Lee Corp	26¼	27½
Scecorp	16½	16⅝
Schering Plough	75⅝	76⅝
Schlumberger	64½	64⅝
Scott Paper	88½	88⅝
Seagram	27⅝	27⅝
Sears Roebuck	53	53¾
Shell Trans	73½	73
Sherwin Wlms	36⅝	35½
Skyline Corp	17¼	17⅝
Snap-On-Tools	38½	36⅝
Southern Co	20⅝	20⅝
Sthwestern Bell	44¼	44¼
Sprint Corp	33⅝	33⅝
Stanley Works	40⅝	40⅞
Sun Company	30⅝	30½
Sun Microsys	41½	41½
Suntrust	56¼	55¼
Supervalu	27⅝	27
Sysco Corp	28⅞	28⅞
TRW Inc	74	74¼
TCC Inds	1¼	1½
Tandem Comp	14	14
Tandy Corp	47⅝	47¼
Teledyne	25	24¼
Temple Inland	44½	44½
Tenet Healthcare	16⅝	16⅝
Tenneco	46	46
Texaco	68⅞	67⅝
Texas Inst	111½	110⅝
Texas Utilities	32⅝	32⅞
Textron	57	57
Time Warner	36¼	36⅝
Times-Mirror A	21	21½
Timken	41½	41
Torchmark	38⅝	38⅝
Toys R Us	24½	25½
Transamerica	58⅝	58¼
Travelers	41½	42⅝
Tribune	58½	59⅝
Tyco Labs	52⅝	52⅝
UST Inc	29⅝	29⅝
UAL	115⅝	115½
USX Marathon	19	18⅝
Unicom	26½	26½
Unilever NV	133½	133⅝
Union Camp	51½	51
Union Carbide	31½	32½
Union Pacific	54⅝	54½
Unisys Corp	11	11½
USAIR Group	7⅝	7¼
USF&G Corp	15½	15⅝
US Life	38	37⅝
US West	41½	42
United Tech	73¼	73¼
Unocal Corp	29¼	29⅝
Upjohn	36¼	36⅝
VF Corp	52	52⅝
WMX Tech	27⅝	27⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	24
Warner-Lambert	79⅝	79⅝
Wells Fargo	173½	174
Westinghouse El	14⅝	14½
Weyerhaeuser	41½	41¼
Whirlpool	52⅞	52⅞
Whitman	17⅝	18
Winn Dixie	55½	55⅝
Woolworth	15⅞	15⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45⅝	45½
Xerox	121	122⅝
Yellow Corp	18⅞	18⅝

Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,105.40	Abbey Natl	465	..	4.8	9.4
1,946.40	Allied Irish	292	+ 3	4.7	8.5
3,346.40	Aus New Z	241	+ 16	4.8	8.7
10,785.30	Bank America	3081¼	- 6¼	..	
2,562.80	Bank Scotland	218	- 6	3.4	9.5
10,476.80	Barclays†	640	+ 1	4.1	6.9
1,628.10	Bk of Ireland	342	+ 5	4.2	9.9
159.70	Cater Allen	490	+ 7	7.2	10.1
11,737.10	Citicorp	3012¾	+ 62¾	..	..
252.30	Close Bros	265	+ 4	3.7	12.0
5,039.20	Commerzbk	£154¾	+362½	3.5	
41,457.80	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1328¾	+ 68¾	0.5	
14,598.40	Deutsche Bk	£307¼	+18¾	2.4	
177.00	Espirito Santo	828½	- 28¾	9.8	
44,461.40	Fuji Bank Y	1534½	+ 40½	0.4	
221.10	Gerrard Nat	454	+ 23	6.6	13.1
372.60	Hambros	211	- 3	8.9	13.0
6,364.40	HSBC†	747	+ 14½	4.5	9.4
12,821.70	HSBC 75p†	731	+ 15½	4.6	9.3
230.00	Irish Perm†	289	+ 11	2.6	
19.20	Joseph (L)	363	..	6.1	10.6
16.90	King Shaxson	97	+ 9½	11.6	9.6
870.40	Kleinwort Ben†	650	+ 7	4.1	11.6
8,443.50	Lloyds	649	+ 9½	5.0	10.9
7,402.60	Nat Aust Bk	563	+ 19	6.2	9.5
4,385.30	Nat West†	540	- ½	5.0	9.1
118.60	Oriental Bank	2375	..	6.7	3.3
21.60	Rea Bros†	52	- 1	2.4	19.1
3,380.40	Royl Bk Scot	421½	+ 5½	4.1	12.1
1,588.00	Schroders†	1588	- 30	1.6	15.1
401.10	Schroders N/V†	1383	- 32	1.9	13.1
176.80	Singer & Fried†	91	+ 7	4.8	
3,059.10	Stand Chart†	317	+ 16	3.2	9.7
3,627.50	TSB	250	+ ½	4.5	10.7
23.90	Union	90	+ 6	4.2	
1,860.80	Warburg SG	842	+ 73	3.3	15.4
5,471.20	Wells Fargo†	£106¾	+300	2.7	
4,536.30	Westpac	249¾	+ 19	2.2	
17.40	Wintrust	205	+ 2	6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
43.90	Ascot Hldgs	159	+ 9	..	..
4,900.00	Bass	560	+ 11	4.7	13.8
327.10	Boddington	269	+ 3	4.1	13.8
31.60	Burtonwd Brw	153	- 2	4.2	12.8
31.70	Eldridge P 'A'	153	+ 2	3.3	18.6
1,866.90	Fosters Brewing	58	..	4.8	14.9
74.10	Fuller Sm 'A'	363	+ 1	2.7	15.0
973.20	Greenalls Grp	465	+ 8	3.5	15.3
218.40	Greene King	615	..	3.2	14.0
49.40	Hardy Hanson	247	..	4.8	12.1
3.48	Heavitree	150	..	3.8	10.6
100.70	Holt JT	3248	- 86	2.0	
159.90	Marstons	249	- 3	2.3	15.2
259.20	Mrston Thmp	288	- 1	2.6	14.0
98.70	Morland	455	- 2	2.9	13.7
9.44	Paramount	8	..	3.9	18.9
56.80	Regent Inns	377	+ 11	3.0	21.5
5,056.70	SA Breweries	1800	+112½	1.6	29.2
2,921.00	Scot & New	547	+ 11	4.0	15.7
332.70	Vaux Group	337	+ 2	5.2	13.4
179.60	Wetherspoon JD†	493	+ 1	1.8	22.8
2,788.80	Whitbread	581	+ 15	4.5	14.7
351.10	Wolvrhmptn D	528	+ 7	3.3	13.7
88.60	Yates Bros	226	+ 9	3.1	17.8
13.20	Young 'A'	455	..	4.1	19.2

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
52.30	Abbey	135	+ 5	4.9	9.8
53.60	Allen	186	+ 10	4.2	15.6
139.70	Amec†	89	- 1	5.4	*
24.70	Andrews Sykes	173	+ 15		
136.50	Ashtead	449	+ 14	1.6	19.2
35.20	Avonside†	81	- 4	6.8	*
3.15	Bailey (Ben) Cont	30	- 1½	4.4	7.3
7.11	Barcom	38	- 1		
343.70	Barratt Devs†	188	..	4.3	13.1
387.50	Beazer Homes	138	+ 1	4.9	10.8
23.00	Bellway	228	- 9	4.0	13.4
13.50	Bellwinch	30	..	0.8	16.1
285.30	Berkeley Gp	368	+ 1	2.4	11.7
27.10	Bell Bros	181	+ 13	3.5	5.5
50.90	Bovis (Henry)†	135	- 3½	4.6	*
18.90	Brandon Hire	116	..	2.0	19.7
13.50	Br Bldg & Engt	120	..	8.3	16.5
332.10	Bryant	119	- 2½	5.3	11.3
51.60	CALA	120	+ 3	3.1	13.7
5.33	Campbell & Arm	37			
6.48	Clarke T†	52	..	9.8	12.9
60.80	Costain	11½	- ½		
70.30	Countryside	82	- 2	5.7	11.6
65.30	Crest Nicholson	86	..	3.8	9.3
14.60	Cussins†	82	- 1	5.7	*
12.70	Edmond Hldgs	25	..	0.3	*
20.90	Ewo Group	213	- 3	6.5	8.7
17.80	Galliford	30	..	6.2	
1.51	Gibbs & Dandy†	89	..	4.2	
83.60	Gleeson (MJ)†	829	- 1½	2.5	15.8
5.47	Green (Ernst)	71	..	9.9	19.0
54.80	Havelock Euro	210	..	1.8	
400.00	Hewden-Stuart	174	+ 2	2.4	17.1
50.30	Higgs & Hill†	76	..	4.1	*
4.16	Howard Hldgs	16	..	6.2	12.2
4.77	Jarvis	11¾	+ ¼		
63.30	Kalfert	113	+ 13	3.5	11.6
92.50	Laing (J)†	202	..	5.6	*
33.10	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	82½	- 1	9.7	*
10.60	Lon Clydeside	117	..	5.7	12.4
15.50	Lovell (YJ)	39	..	3.2	4.8
46.20	Mcalpine (J)	185	..	3.7	10.2
106.40	McAlpine (A)†	154	+ 5	4.9	
58.30	McCarthy & S	59	..		20.8
15.90	Morgan Sindall	53	+ 1		
130.90	Mowlem (J)†	75	+ 1	3.3	38.5
240.60	Persimmon	206	+ 2	5.8	13.1
17.80	Pochins	1712½	..	2.3	12.0
87.10	Prowting	112	..	4.0	17.1
54.50	Raine Ind	29	- 1	10.8	6.0
4.68	Secure Retire	46	..		14.6
254.70	Redrow	115	+ 2	2.9	13.5
9.58	Sheriff-Rivet†	61	..	2.0	
38.70	Sherrill Hldgs	365	..	2.0	15.2
5.92	Shorco†	94	..	5.1	
95.30	Spandan	295	+ 1	1.1	20.5
45.80	Tay Homes†	157	+ 1	5.3	11.0
458.30	Taylor Woodrw†	119	- 3	4.6	21.6
156.50	Tilbury Dougls	468	- 3	9.4	17.9
8.80	Tarex Hire	53	+ 1	3.1	18.6
12.50	Try Group†	18	..	6.9	25.3
47.60	Vibroplant	103	..	4.5	18.5
67.80	Walshomes	109	..	5.6	11.8
25.80	Ward Hldgs	49	- 1	3.8	6.9
95.90	Westbury	144	..	4.7	13.1
18.50	Wiggins	3¾	+ ¼		
299.60	Wilson (C)†	157	+ 1	3.6	11.6
317.60	Wilson Bowdn†	340	+ 4	3.7	12.6
465.70	Wimpey G†	129	- 5	5.3	15.9

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.89	Albrighton	9¾	+ ¼	6.6	16.0
103.50	Alumasc	334	+ 2	2.5	16.7
21.60	Amberley Gp	90	..	3.1	25.7
1,357.40	BPB Ind	271	+ 2	3.9	13.9
53.10	Baggeridge Brk	131	..	3.0	13.6
160.80	Barcol†	29	..	8.6	17.5
14.90	Blockleys†	60	..	1.7	*
2,157.80	Blue Circle†	296	+ 7	5.0	18.3
22.70	Breedon PLC†	80	+ 1	7.5	*
21.20	Br Dredging†	121	+ 1	5.8	14.6
1,356.60	CRH†	365	+ 6	2.6	14.4
2.58	Cakebread Roy	43	..	3.0	*
106.10	Caper	196	- 2	7.0	14.3
1,447.20	Caradon†	242	- 6	4.9	12.4
214.20	Caradon ctt	119	- 9¾	7.6	
2.67	Chelitan Gp	31	..	12.1	11.5
1.80	Dyson (J&J)	109	- 3	4.0	16.4
8.63	Dyson 'A'	63	..	6.9	9.5
22.20	Eclipse Blinds	15¾	+ ¼		
67.60	Erith	313	+ 9	3.5	*
26.20	Erith†	54	+ 1	5.2	*
187.10	Graham Grp†	172	+ 7	3.8	*
98.20	Halstead (J)†	324	..	3.0	14.5
736.30	Hepworth†	303	- 1	6.1	14.1
7.44	Hewetson	80	..	2.3	13.9
8.06	Hewitt (J)	79	..	2.8	
230.20	Heywd Wm	240	- 9	7.2	11.5
200.30	Ibstock†	80	..	2.3	
33.40	Johnston	315	+ 20	4.1	
24.10	Litlesdale†	65	..	7.1	10.2
415.00	Marley▼	124	+ 1	4.7	11.0
164.20	Marshalls	134	- 1	4.2	11.9
418.70	Meyer Int	332	- 3	4.1	12.9
215.60	Newman Tonks†	169	+ 2	5.0	15.8
153.00	Norcros	87½	- 1½	10.0	16.6
5.58	Phoenix Timber	16			
1,453.80	Pilkington	182	+ 3½	2.7	35.1
265.20	Polypipe	169	+ 6	1.8	17.8
2,079.00	RMC Grp†	1050	+ 42	2.7	15.3
1.92	Ronus	8			
2,217.00	Redland†	428	+ 19¾	4.9	13.6
21.10	Rockw▼	103	- 1	5.2	15.4
732.20	Rugby Group†	115	- 5	3.9	14.2
22.70	Russell (A)†	98	+ 3	3.2	*
193.10	SIG†	239	+ 11	3.1	*
4.39	SWP	17½	+ ½	1.1	
36.30	Sharpe & Fisher	173	..	3.6	*
185.90	Spring Ram	41	..	1.5	33.8
1,105.90	Tarmac†	120	+ 2½	5.7	15.4
16.40	Titon	150	- 1	3.9	12.0
281.90	Travis Perkins†	274	- 2	4.1	*
3.27	Tudor†	30	..	2.1	29.0
13.30	Ubegroup	42	+ 2		
0.88	Waterhouse	35			
418.30	Wickes	112	+ 4	2.0	5.4
1,925.00	Wolseley	350	+ 2	3.2	12.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
16.10	Anglo Utd	1¾			
15.20	App Pein	69	+ 2		
3.58	Bailey (Ch)	6½			
12.70	Black Arrow	49	+ 1	7.9	7.8
3.08	Br Bloodstock	75	+ 5	..	67.3
2.70	Caird Gp	3¾	- ¼		
2.19	Chemex	5¾	+ 1	2.3	17.2
16.40	Cosalt	143	..	7.4	9.4
66.80	Filofax	263	- 2	1.0	21.7
4.51	Headway	28	+ 1	3.7	21.8
74.50	Hozelock	313	- 11	2.9	15.5
92.70	Leigh	140¾	+ 3	7.0	13.0
24.80	Nobo Gp	140	..	6.5	9.1
147.50	Photo-Me	245	..	2.5	23.6
19.10	Plant & Gen	60	- 4	5.3	*
14.10	Rodime	9¾	+ ¾		
160.30	Shanks & McEwan	97	- ½	3.0	*
38.90	Sinclair (Wm)	178	- 1	5.1	13.3
1,012.60	Waste Mgt Intl	270	+ 10	..	9.7

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
545.50	Albright & Wil	174	+ 1	4.3	*
702.80	Allied Colloids	133	+ 5	2.3	18.8
30.60	Amber Ind	783	..	5.4	15.5
8,148.80	BASF DM	£139¾	+275	3.3	
3,568.60	BOC	745	- 10½	4.2	17.8
453.00	BTP	284	+ 4	4.8	16.1
10,956.30	Bayer DM50	£158¾	+278¾	3.7	
85.40	Blagden	118	..	1.6	55.2
78.40	Brent Chems	116	+ 1	4.5	16.1
546.90	Br Vita†	251	- 3	3.8	16.8
5.88	Cambridge Iso	45	+ 3		
60.30	Carcing (W)†	212	+ 9	4.4	
1,829.60	Courtaulds	454	+ 4	4.1	31.0
480.10	Croda†	347	- 1	3.2	16.8
18.60	Doeflex	175	+ 5	3.8	*
33.70	Euro Colour	87	+ 1	2.4	25.2
10.40	Gibbon	114	..	6.0	10.5
244.50	Hickson†	139	+ 6	4.5	13.3
8,058.40	Hoechst	£1364¾	+33.7½	3.8	
212.00	Holliday Chem†	204	- 8	3.1	14.6
5,430.00	ICI	750	- 5	4.6	33.5
186.10	Kalon	#139	..	4.1	13.5
1,380.10	Laporte†	724	+ 23	3.9	15.7
29.60	MTM†	77	- 1	2.4	13.6
134.90	Manders†	339	+ 1	4.1	16.0
11.30	Metrotec	47	+ 2	9.2	6.4
25,308.70	Montedison	475½	- 54¾	4.0	22.6
54.20	Pyrvac	350	- 5	1.7	24.1
57.50	Scapa	222	+ 5½	3.3	18.0
10.80	Stoddle Speak	19	..	4.6	11.3
7,270.30	Takeda Chem	631¾	+ 34½	1.2	9.5
81.30	Wardle Storeys†	320	..	6.7	15.9
44.10	Wellington Hldgt	187	+ 1	3.7	*
55.40	Wolstenholme Rt	738	+ 5	3.5	14.1
161.70	Yorks Chem	353	+ 12	3.0	15.8
284.30	Yule Catto†	294	+ 7	3.1	*

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
78.60	ABI Leis	106	+ 3	4.8	12.2
23.40	Adam & Harvey	545	..	3.6	6.8
8.06	Alexanders	20	..	6.2	9.8
73.60	Appleyard†	111	+ 4	6.5	*
9.85	Ass Br Eng	3½	..	1.7	26.8
149.00	BSS Group	585	+ 10	4.0	19.9
7.43	Beaming Power	21	..	6.0	10.6
1.11	Bogod 'A'	23	- 2	3.8	9.7
172.90	Brammer†	385	+ 13	4.3	*
5.50	Bridgend Gp	20	+ 3	1.2	
20.50	Brit Fittings†	86	- 4	4.4	
13.60	Brown & Tawse	42			
38.00	Burndene	36	- 1	8.7	
8.09	Caffyns	245	..	5.9	40.2
10.30	Central Mtr	75	+ 2	4.6	49.9
18.40	Cook (DC)	43	+ 4	3.3	13.2
423.40	Cowie	263	+ 6	4.3	11.3
33.60	Dag Motors†	139	+ 2	6.3	*
24.65	Desmans 'B'	558	..	1.5	13.8
262.70	Diploma	470	+ 7	3.6	16.5
1,148.20	Electrocompnts	546	+ 10	2.3	22.4
45.90	Electron House	180	+ 15	2.5	15.1
221.50	Ellis & Everard	265	+ 11	3.7	17.6
55.70	European Mtr	104	+ 1	6.4	11.3
123.50	Evans Halshaw†	386	..	4.9	11.4
791.50	Farnell Elect†	585	+ 7½	1.9	*
7.44	File Indmar▼	48	..	7.8	*
24.70	Gardiner	23	- ½	4.3	10.8
6.07	Glenchewton	24	+ 7	..	26.5
6.01	Goodwin†	66	+ ¼	4.3	
30.50	Hallen Hldgs†	68	- 1	1.8	13.0
17.80	Harris (Philip)	165	..	5.2	14.5
186.50	Henlys	391	+ 65	2.7	18.1
3.08	Holders Tech†	98	+ 4	7.7	29.4
37.50	ISA Intl†	94	- 1	2.5	11.5
1,654.80	Inchcape†	314	- 6	6.0	12.1
7.13	Jacks (Wm)	66	..		15.3
289.10	Kwik-Fit†	156	+ 3	3.5	15.4
313.50	Lex Service	329	- 1	5.3	17.5
13.50	Lookers	172	+ 4	5.5	9.5
25.30	Malaya Grp†	15¾	+ 1¼	3.2	36.9
32.60	Middlesex	5¼	+ ¼	1.1	
35.30	Norbain	339	- 1	0.8	15.1
32.60	Northamber	133	+ 25½	1.2	56.5
13.50	PCT	152	- 2	6.5	*
93.60	Pendragon	249	+ 1	4.1	14.4
36.30	Perry Gp	143	+ 2	6.8	*
31.10	Quicks Group†	135	+ 3	5.1	*
15.30	REA	168	..	3.0	*
5.31	Reece	3			
6.65	Roes Gp	4½	+ ¼	5.6	
39.90	SEP Ind†	49	..	2.7	16.3
18.80	TLS Range†	52	+ 4	3.6	*
122.70	Time Products	231	..	4.7	15.5
101.90	Yardy (Reg)	220	+ 4	3.8	16.4
35.50	Wholesale Ftgs	250	+ 2	5.9	22.3
22.80	Wills Gp	13	..	4.6	7.3
55.50	Wilshaw	67	- ½	1.2	22.6
34.60	Wyko	70	- 1	1.8	25.3
12.40	Young (H)	75	..	6.0	14.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
134.10	Adwest†	163	+ 4	5.9	14.0
452.60	Antofagasta†	288	- 2	1.7	24.8
14,945.00	Broken Hill	902	+ 12	2.6	*
12,106.30	BTR†	332½	+ 3½	5.0	15.3
14,622.90	BAT†	474	+ 5	5.8	14.2
364.90	Berisford Intl	242	- 3	0.3	64.0
139.10	Bibby (J)	89	+ 3	4.2	16.5
1,220.90	Brierley Inv	48¼	- ¼	8.9	2.7
710.50	Charter†	829	+ 33	3.6	13.4
1,579.00	Cookson▼	233	- 1	3.8	14.7
12,374.20	Hanson	237	+ ¾	6.3	14.8
1,099.50	Harrisn Crsfld†	156	+ 1	7.2	18.8
9,895.60	Hutch Whamp	273¾	+ 4¾	2.7	*
3,613.10	Jardine Math	502½	- 5¾	3.1	*
5.04	Jourdan (T)	28	+ ½	5.7	*
1,289.40	Lonrho	166¾	+ 1½	3.4	30.5
80.80	McLeod Russel	134	+ 5	5.8	14.8
39.70	Porter Chadbn	42			
442.30	Powell Duffryn	516	+ 18	6.1	14.5
31.80	Ropner†	135	+ 5	7.6	11.7
1,214.50	Rothmans	610	- 1	3.9	29.6
28.40	Saltire	11½	..		3.7
3,170.40	Sime Darby†	150	..	3.0	18.8
214.10	Staveley	187	+ 3	5.7	57.6
301.10	Suter†	172	+ 11	6.9	13.5
379.70	TT Group†	342	+ 11	2.8	14.9
2,868.60	Tomkins	242½	+ 8½	4.0	15.6
598.00	Trafalgar H	55½	- ½	2.3	*
57.40	Unitare	295	..	6.0	*
503.50	Wassall†	261	+ 17	2.0	*
73.20	Whitecroft	166	..	2.6	18.2
13.70	Widney	9¾	+ ¼	2.6	15.1
1,954.60	Williams Hldgs†	337	+ 4	5.0	16.1

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,254.50	East Midlands	649	- 10	5.3	27.3
1,595.00	Eastern Grp	622	- 14	5.0	13.6
1,257.40	London Elect	636	- 3	4.8	9.7
779.00	Manweb	875	+ 1	5.0	8.1
1,328.80	Midlands Elec	644	- 3	4.8	9.9
5,337.00	National Power	450	- 4	4.3	12.3
897.60	Northern Elec	805	..	5.1	8.3
567.90	Nthn Ireland	345	- 5	4.3	9.4
1,020.50	Norweb	655	..	4.7	7.9
3,494.50	PowerGen	482	- 1½	3.9	10.4
	PowerGen (P/P)	195½	+ 1½	3.6	11.3
1,247.30	Hydro-Elect	325	+ 3	5.0	10.3
2,802.30	Scottish Power	343	+ 5	4.7	10.8
913.90	Seeboard	373	..	4.2	10.2
632.70	Sth Wales	684	- 7	5.3	9.3
734.40	Sth Western	661	- 4	4.8	8.8
1,744.50	Southern Elec	639	- 22	4.8	9.3
1,208.40	Yorkshire Elec	656	- 20	5.3	11.2

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
59.60	Acal	309	+ 6	2.8	16.7
78.20	Acorn Comp	87			
72.40	Admiral†	635	+ 1	1.6	19.3
102.40	Alba	217	..	2.9	16.9
227.30	Amstrad	204	+ 5	1.5	
26.00	Arlen†	35	..	1.4	
271.60	Astec†	88	+ ½	1.7	*
38.60	Astra	177	+ 5	2.1	14.3
1,170.10	BICC†	331	+ 10	4.7	16.9
24.30	Beales Hunter	229	+ 2	5.4	12.3
146.00	Black	477	- 1	3.0	16.1
669.20	Bowthorpe†	359	+ 5	2.8	18.1
5.20	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	20	+ 1½	1.6	11.6
27.70	CML Micro	149	- 17	5.0	9.5
11.50	Channel Hldgs	32	+ 2	4.9	9.1
47.90	Chloride	19¾	..	1.9	56.3
12.20	Clayhithe	66	..	5.1	*
17.40	Coynpre?	165	..	3.3	*
163.60	Cray Elect	68	- 4	4.5	8.0
66.60	Critchley	476	+ 8	2.2	20.1
706.60	Daniel Bs Sys?	360	- 51	0.8	
720.70	Delta†	484	+ 2	4.0	17.5
139.90	Domino	528	- 1	2.3	16.1
100.90	Dowding Mills†	68	..	4.8	22.0
94.40	Drack	1475	..	0.9	25.1
2,148.30	Electrolux 'B'	3015¾	-140¾	3.6	*
34.10	Emess†	32	+ 2½	0.4	*
8,555.80	Ericsson 'B'	4309¾	+193¾	1.1	27.5
36.90	Eurocopy	75	- 1	3.3	15.0
398.70	Eurotherm	446	+ 13	1.5	23.0
359.10	Farnell Group†	439	+ 14½	2.0	*
113.60	Fitronic Com	271	+ 23	0.3	56.1
22.00	Forward Gp	268	..	2.6	16.5
21.80	Forward Tech†	64	+ 7	3.9	10.4
8,451.50	GEC	308	+ 3	4.4	15.2
203.50	Gestetner†	103	+ 1¼	3.1	*
92.90	Graseby†	144	- 1	5.7	*
44.70	Ind Control†	112	+ 1	5.6	10.0
6.25	Intelek	15½	..	6.0	
129.40	Kenwood App	282	- 3	4.1	13.9
5.61	Kode	58	+ 2		
2.56	LPA Ind	28½	..	7.0	20.3
58.10	MTL Inst	323	+ 8	1.8	18.3
139.70	Menvier-Sw	284	+ 6	2.0	19.9
26.10	Microvitec	35½	+ 2½	1.4	12.0
301.90	Misel	286	- 7		
3.15	Pace Systems†	67	+ 3	6.1	
99.20	Peak†	83	+ 2½	5.1	15.4
8,234.60	Philips Lmp Nvt	2434¾	+ 50	2.1	9.6
27.90	Pifco	291	..	2.0	18.6
18.80	Pifco 'A' Vtg	273	..	2.1	17.4
6.14	Plasmec	137	+ 1	3.7	14.0
46.60	Pressac	126	+ 2	2.8	19.8
11.00	Prestwick	27	+ 1		
74.50	Psion†	324	+ 6	1.4	19.8
712.50	Racal Elect	254	+ 10	2.2	20.9
12.20	Radamec	66	..	4.1	14.3
75.30	Ranford?	316	+ 10	3.0	18.6
123.30	Roxboro	228	- 1	2.6	*
6.05	Scantronic	11½	- ½		
25.00	Silverthrnes	39	- 1	3.3	*
6.16	Soundtracks	61	+ 1	5.1	13.9
80.20	Sthn Bus	83	..	5.6	5.5
1.89	TDS Circuits	8	+ ¼		
3,830.90	TDK	2912½	..	1.3	*
54.20	Tadpole Tech	206	- 11		
74.10	Telemetrix†	91	+ 12	1.9	11.3
19.40	TGI	90	..	3.1	16.8
151.20	Telspect	417	+ 45	1.0	33.1
30.80	Thorpe FW†	241	+ 6	1.8	16.3
281.30	TLG	158	+ 2	2.8	22.7
2.73	Total Systems	27	- 1	..	28.1
79.90	Tunstall	243	+ 2	2.0	16.3
252.90	Unitech	367	..	2.3	18.5
16.80	Vero	8	..		21.5
104.30	Volex	378	+ 3	6.1	15.8
9.24	Walbourne?	42	+ 3½		
36.40	Whessoe	123	+ 1	2.3	

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
27.90	A&M	195	+ 5	2.9	
230.60	APV†	78	+ 1½	4.9	*
173.70	ASW†	210	+ 2	3.6	37.1
16.08	Aero Hambie?	78	..	16.1	2.8
53.90	Alvis	97	+ 7	1.3	
39.20	Ash & Lacy†	149	..	5.4	12.6
56.20	Atlas Equip†	540	..	5.1	22.9
12.80	Ayrshire Metal†	128	..	4.6	
224.10	Babcock	85¼	- ¼		
64.90	BWI†	135	..	6.2	17.3
122.60	Baynes (Charles)†	85	+ 3	2.9	18.3
14.30	Beaufort▼	32	+ 2	1.0	7.5
1.81	Billam (J)	113	- 2	5.9	*
195.10	Bodycote	337	+ 4	2.2	*
2.96	Booth Inds	74	+ 1		
11.90	Brasway	15	..	4.4	14.1
78.90	Bridon	138	..	3.7	13.5
2,269.50	Br Aerospace▼	554	- 2	2.3	19.9
3,440.70	Br Steel	170¾	+ 1½	2.6	20.6
57.50	Bromsgrove Ind	79	..	7.2	13.3
4.56	Brooke Tool	12	..	1.0	27.8
52.90	Brunel	43½	+ 2¾		
221.40	Bullough	183	+ 11	4.1	18.9
33.30	Burnfield	97	+ 12	3.5	17.6
15.60	CI Group	18	+ 4	3.5	*
161.20	Cardo Eng	263	+ 4	4.9	16.0
65.00	Castings	155	+ 2	2.3	19.0
10.80	Chamberlin Hill	150	..	5.6	9.5
74.20	Charring?	320	..	3.8	15.0
11.50	Clyde Blowers	146	..	3.9	*
255.00	[illegible]	336	+ 21	3.1	*
4.06	Cohen (A)	508	..	0.8	
100.60	Concentric	185	- 2	4.2	14.6
46.60	Cook (Wm)	212	..	4.4	10.0
130.10	David Brown	227	+ 6	3.9	*
125.30	Dobson Park	80	..	5.9	14.8
160.10	EIS	350	+ 15	4.7	*
35.20	Elliott (B)	94	..	2.7	14.1
51.90	Expamet†	212	..	4.8	13.3
119.40	FKI	160¾	+ 1½	3.3	18.6
98.10	Fenner	142	+ 9	1.3	86.1
3.73	Ferrum	15	- 1		
33.90	GB Int	92	+ 1	3.4	16.8
4.98	Garton Eng	131	..	5.4	*
705.10	Glynwed†	338	+ 21	4.5	16.9
36.30	Graystone	13	- ½	3.1	10.1
66.50	Haden MacLn	60½	- 1	4.4	11.5
10.80	Hadleigh	150	- 2	2.1	17.0
54.40	Hall Eng	172	+ 4	5.8	*
407.60	Halma	204	- 5	1.6	22.0
26.70	Hampson Ind	43	- 2	6.0	8.0
3.90	Hay (Norman)	26	- 1		
44.40	Hill & Smith	127	..	6.2	15.7
43.70	Hopkinsons	56	- 1	2.9	*
13.00	How Gp	31	..	3.1	*
229.90	Howden	79	+ 2	4.0	13.0
173.60	Hunting†	178	- 10	7.0	19.6
1,032.40	IMI†	316	+ 13	4.2	18.9
64.60	Johnson & FB	46	+ 1½		
1,045.30	Johnson Mthy	545	- ½	2.8	20.4
7.20	Jones Shipman	28			
9.67	Kelsey Ind	312	..	5.2	14.6
27.30	Linread	288	+ 2	3.2	16.0
4.65	Locker (T) A	15½	..	3.2	*
53.90	ML Hldgs	94	..	3.1	11.8
5.75	MS Intl	21	..	8.9	12.7
23.10	Mang Bronze†	140	- 2	4.0	11.9
428.90	McKechnie	439	+ 13	4.4	25.5
166.80	Meggitt†	77	+ 3½	6.4	*
105.20	Metalrax	114	+ 9	4.5	*
20.30	Metsec	131	+ 1	2.9	*
208.80	Molins†	614	+ 14	3.5	10.9
744.90	Morgan Cruc†	340	+ 15½	4.8	16.8
27.70	Morris Ashby	233	+ 3	3.3	18.8
8.12	Neepsend	33	..	4.7	16.6
18.10	Neotronics	62	- 1	3.4	17.1
1.44	Newmark (L)	#31			
13.78	OBM Int?	19	+ 5½	11.5	..
171.80	Oxford Inst	352	+ 4½	1.8	20.7
252.00	Powerscreen	287	+ 6	3.3	12.1
36.70	Prospect Inds	12½	+ 1½	8.7	8.3
0.91	Radiant Metal	67			
29.60	Ransomes	52	- 1		
25.60	Record	77	..	8.0	15.1
180.20	Renishaw	335	+ 10	2.4	26.6
133.40	Renold	280	+ 8	1.8	27.7
4.12	Richard (Leics)	49	..	5.9	*
26.40	Richardsn Westg†	73	- 2	5.8	*
2,589.90	Rolls-Royce▼	178	+ 7	3.5	26.9
141.60	Rotork†	762	+ 3½	3.7	*
36.10	Rubicon	155	..	3.9	25.3
248.50	Senior Engg	82¾	..	5.2	18.4
26.50	Servomex†	285	..	3.3	17.5
2,466.80	Siebe	575	+ 12	2.5	18.5
114.20	Simon Eng	214	+ 4½	..	
43.70	Six Hundred	81	..	2.3	28.0
798.40	SKF 'B'	1250	+ 18¾	2.9	*
1,478.50	Smiths Ind†	482	+ 12	3.4	17.2
386.70	Spirax-Sarco†	497	+ 2	2.9	17.8
75.00	Sterling Ind	268	+ 19	3.3	17.3
1,755.00	TI†	375	+ 16	4.0	17.3
7.18	Tinsley (E)	97	..	7.2	13.2
77.30	Transfer Tech	80	+ 8	3.2	*
87.90	Triplex Lloyd	135	..	6.5	*
34.70	Utd Inds▼	15½	..	2.6	14.8
647.90	VSEL	1705	+ 11	3.1	*
21.40	Vesuvn?	14½	- ½		
649.70	Vickers†	197	+ 8	3.0	18.7
118.10	Victaulic†	266	- 1	4.0	13.5
11.80	Villiers Grp	10	+ ½		
275.80	Vinten	573	+ 8	2.0	*
256.50	Vosper Thorny	804	+ 26	2.9	17.4
230.80	Wagon Ind	488	+ 8	4.6	24.8
449.60	Weir†	228	- 6	3.8	17.5
49.30	Wellman	40½	+ 1	3.1	66.1
101.20	Whatman†	440	+ 2	3.2	14.6

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8.09	AAF Inds	35	..	..	
13.20	Airflow Stream	156	- 1	3.2	15.2
15.20	Armour†	41½	..	5.5	8.7
129.00	Avon Rubber	483	+ 13	4.3	17.4
881.90	BBA†	216	+ 7	2.7	*
197.70	BSG†	67½	+ 3	5.9	*
12.20	Benson Group	8½	..	5.1	11.7
50.60	Bostrom†	320	+ 5	2.3	*
11.20	Boustead	17	..	7.4	*
26.80	Cavendale	12¾	- ¼	2.6	*
34.00	ERF	347	- 2	1.4	
66.70	Flight Tech	430	+ 20	1.5	24.8
2,210.40	GKN†	637	- 9	4.2	19.4
19,095.80	General Mtr	2687½	..	2.8	
10,068.80	Honda Motor	1033½	- 33¼	0.5	
496.80	Laird†	350	+ 15	4.0	13.3
7.50	Lodes	375			
1,552.80	Lucas†	194	+ 2	4.5	..
130.50	Mayflower†	65¾	+ 3½	2.9	17.0
34.30	Midlands	65	- 2¾		
27.50	Syltone	163	+ 1	3.8	18.1
842.10	T & N†	159	+ 8	4.7	
172.70	Trinity Hldgs	336	- 2	2.7	

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,862.00	AB Food	638	- 13	3.2	13.0
135.20	Acatos & Hutch	244	..	4.6	9.3
298.20	Albert Fisher†	42	- ½	11.2	12.4
17.10	Banks (S C)	198	- 1	6.1	9.3
71.30	Barr (AG)	382	..	2.7	15.0
9.67	Bensons Crisp	19			
930.70	Booker†	414	..	6.8	19.7
21.00	Borthwick	36	..	4.5	17.1
20.80	CPL Aromas	181	..	2.0	18.2
4,466.60	Cadbury-Schw	453	+ 5½	4.4	14.0
17.50	Carrs Milling	254	+ 15	3.4	11.5
24.60	Cranswick	176	+ 1	5.8	12.8
12.10	Dalepak	104	..	2.4	*
1,244.40	Dalgety†	433	+ 2	6.2	12.0
3.24	Daniels St	38	+ 5	0.3	*
326.70	Devro†	242	+ 8	3.6	*
19.80	Everest†	78	..	4.3	18.3
1.70	Farringford	6½	+ 1		
64.80	Finlay (James)	65	+ 5	8.0	8.8
16.40	Global†	13	+ 2½	5.0	*
17.80	Grand Central	45			
382.90	Greencore	449	+ 10	2.9	11.8
223.30	Hazlewood Fds	96	+ 1	8.7	6.0
1,250.80	Hillsdown†	180	- 4	6.4	12.1
109.30	Hobson	28	..	1.8	*
28.60	JLI Group	69	+ 4	8.8	9.7
57.20	Linton Park	353	..	5.5	*
131.30	Matthews (B)†	106	+ 3	3.7	10.3
87.70	Nichols (JN)†	221	+ 9	3.5	14.6
1,111.10	Nthn Foods	193	- 2	5.7	9.9
6.42	Nittinbrn Fn	10½	..		30.3
1.44	Pascoe's	90			
80.20	Perkins Food†	65	..	8.6	*
60.50	SeaPerfect	123			
4.60	Senior Farm	107	..	4.1	
24.18	Sims Food	70	..	13.4	
1,713.00	Tate & Lyle	437	+ 4	4.3	8.9
27.90	Trinst?	281	+ 2	2.0	19.8
896.60	Unigate	382	..	5.8	10.4
10,073.40	Unilever†	1236	+ 9	2.7	14.9
13,308.80	Unilever (NV)	£62¾	+ 62½	3.0	12.2
1,838.60	Utd Biscuits†	348½	- ½	5.5	15.0
14.80	West Trust	35	..	8.9	24.5
43.20	Yorkshire Food	97	+ 14	4.5	14.3

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
397.80	AAH	442	+ 7	5.1	15.5
535.80	Amersham	925	+ 22	2.2	19.4
23.20	Anagen	50	+ 1		
29.30	Assoc Nursg	178	..	1.6	10.4
65.30	Bespak	258	+ 3	4.9	13.2
24.30	Care UK	60			
52.00	Celsis	86			
46.90	Cortecs	42½	+ 3		
79.00	Community Ht	238	..	4.3	13.7
62.60	CrossCare	33	+ 1	3.0	12.8
21.90	Environed	85	- 1	2.4	10.8
8.24	Ferraris Group	77	..	3.7	10.5
67.90	Goldsborough	155	+ 7	2.7	13.9
16.70	Greenacre†	9¾	..	4.6	
173.50	Huntigh Tec	613	+ 15	1.2	
17.90	Intercare Gp	63	- 6	6.9	11.3
31.20	Isotron†	250	+ 12	2.5	15.5
243.60	Life Sciences†	140	+ 3	3.8	12.9
365.40	Lon Intl	108	- 1		
40.40	Nestor-BNA†	54	..	7.3	
2.19	Promas Health	3¼	- ¼		
32.20	Quality Care	230	..	2.4	11.4
111.00	Scholl†	164	..	4.9	
156.20	Seton Health	375	+ 4	2.3	19.1
9.67	Shield Diag	52	+ 7		
1,894.60	Smith & Nephr†	173½	+ 6¼	3.8	19.8
1.87	Specialeyes	12			
259.40	Takare	207	+ 8	1.4	
472.70	UniChem†	275	+ 12	3.3	14.2
157.70	West Hillcare	308	+ 5	2.0	16.1

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
45.40	Airsprung	190	..	3.2	12.3
9.90	BLP Group†	150	+ 10	2.5	*
2.69	Bilston Brossa	32	+ 1		
24.20	Crowell Pic 'A'	60	..	9.0	
6.35	Creighton Nt	138	- 10	7.0	9.7
53.80	Denby Group	161	+ 11	2.4	17.5
6.47	Gaskell	132	..	4.1	
5.89	Lionheart	3	- 1		
33.60	Mayborn†	199	+ 1	4.0	12.3
149.20	Oriflame Ind?	279	+ 5	4.8	12.6
24.20	Osborne & Lyle?	397	+ 2	2.4	12.1
102.80	Paterson Zoch	418	..	4.2	12.8
87.20	Paterson Zoch 'A'†	379	..	4.6	11.6
2,791.80	Reckitt Colmn	650	+ 19	3.5	58.2
59.40	Relyon	279	+ 5	3.1	*
148.50	Royal Doulton	270	+ 19	3.5	*
84.00	Silentnight	181	+ 2	5.7	*
19.20	Stoddard	29	+ 1	6.9	10.9
10.20	Tomkinsons	165	..	8.7	24.9
7.07	Victoria Carpet	124	..	5.4	5.9
113.60	Walker Greenb	98	+ 2	4.7	*
396.80	Wilshw Wiggins?	56	+ 1½	1.8	*
5.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	..	2.4	15.1

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
661.50	Alex & Alex	1497¾	..	4.5	
4,355.10	Am Genl	2081½	- 37¼	3.7	
57.40	Angerstein	86	- 8	2.9	70.1
21.60	Archer	59	- 2	2.1	
49.90	Bradstock	82	..	8.7	9.3
1,000.20	Britannic†	527	+ 15	3.3	
74.10	CLM Insce	86	+ 1	3.0	
3,772.50	Coml Union†	569	+ 12	5.8	10.9
40.70	Delian	80	+ 1	2.3	
96.60	Dom & Genl	1423	..	2.5	15.2
72.10	FBD	173½	+ 6¾	4.2	*
56.70	Fenchurch Grp	157	+ 1½	6.4	10.5
26.10	Finsbury Under	97	+ 4½	2.8	56.1
2,258.90	Gen Accident†	599	+ 11	6.4	8.4
1,653.80	GRE†	183	+ ..	5.5	
55.70	HCG Lloyds†	85½	+ 5	4.2	*
159.50	Heath C E	243	- 1	8.3	
110.70	Hibernian (£)	214½	- 6¼	4.7	
37.60	Hiscox Select	92	+ 3	3.4	36.3
125.90	Independent	281	- 2	4.7	7.8
613.90	Irish Life†	232	+ 5	6.9	18.9
172.70	JIB Group	135	+ 3	6.9	*
27.10	Kiln Capital	100½	- ..	5.0	*
2,327.30	Legal & Genl	474	+ 5	5.7	20.9
4,341.80	Liberty Life	1795½	+113½	7.1	
260.40	London Ins Mkt	93	- 1	2.7	32.4
112.70	Lloyd Thompson	145	- 1	7.0	10.2
2,627.30	Lloyds Abbey	378	+ 6	6.4	12.7
424.40	Londn & Manr	351	+ 14	6.1	14.6
260.40	London Ins Mkt	55	+ 5	2.2	32.4
48.40	Lowndes Lbt	166	+ 5	5.6	10.2
3,538.50	Marsh McLen	4900	- 75	3.8	
33.40	Merchant	83	+ 1		
66.50	Nelson Hurst	145	- 3	5.7	*
44.40	New London Cap	74	- 5	1.7	
19.20	Octavian	38	- 2	9.9	
27.90	Orel	102	..	6.6	
14.10	Premium Trust	71	- 3½	5.6	27.3
12.00	Premium Under	91	- 3		
6,102.30	Prudential	332½	+ 7	5.5	15.0
5.58	PWS	18	..	4.2	..
512.50	Refuge†	325	- 6	4.7	22.6
2,818.10	Royal†	310	+ 2	4.8	5.9
879.50	Sedgwick	161	+ 4	5.0	15.4
50.90	Stew Birmut?	106	- 3	10.6	9.8
2,733.10	Sun Alliance†	337	..	5.8	10.1
34.30	Syndicate Cap	75	- 7	2.1	59.8
129.60	Trade Indemnity†	71	- 3½	1.8	31.6
1,012.50	Transatlantic†	235	+ 2	4.9	*
471.50	Utd Friendly†	575	+ 1	4.3	*
558.00	Willis Corroon	157	- 2	5.3	
6.76	Windsor	20	- 1	3.1	6.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,079.00	3i	356	- 3	2.6	..
34.30	Abtrust Emerg	62½	- 2	0.4	
23.20	Abtrust High Inc	76	- 2½	9.9	
85.50	Abtrust N Dawn	198	..	0.6	
919.80	Alliance	1825	+ 5	3.4	
219.60	American Trust	264	+ 1½	2.6	
381.90	Anglo & O'seas	432	- 8	2.2	
36.20	Baillie Gifford SJ	126	- 7		
296.20	Bankers†	191	+ 4½	2.6	..
51.90	Baring Em Eu	41¾	- ½	0.3	
186.70	Baring Tribne	325	+ 2	2.6	
12.10	Berry Starq	232	+ 11	1.2	
287.90	Br Assets	89¾	+ 2	6.2	
119.50	Br Empire Sec	89¼	+ 1	1.3	
4.12	Br Empire Wts	31	+ 1		
677.00	Br Inv	277	+ 5	2.9	..
52.70	Brazilian	64¾	+ 3½	0.4	..
148.80	Brunner	232½	+ 5½	3.0	..
86.60	BZW Conv	130	+ 1	7.5	
91.80	Candover†	410	..	3.7	
87.00	Central Euro Grwth†	43½	+ ½	1.2	
32.80	China & Eastern	161	- 2	2.7	..
39.20	Contl Asset	179	+ 5	2.1	..
5.54	Danae Inv Inc	78	..	13.1	
45.00	Derby Cap	300	..	..	
18.40	Derby Inc	158	..	13.5	..
8.09	Drayton Blue	84	+ 2	16.4	
51.00	Drytn Eng Ind	104	+ 3	1.0	
163.00	Drytn Far East	141	..	0.6	..
217.60	Dunedin Inc G	690	+ 14	4.9	..
17.60	Dunedin Japan	86¾	+ 1½	..	
58.60	Dunedin Smlr	302¾	+ ½	3.7	
3.28	Dunedin Wts	41	+ 1		
247.80	Dunedin Wwde	740	+ 15	1.8	
248.40	Edin Dragon	94	+ 2½		
25.50	Edinburgh Inca	31	+ 2	0.2	..
906.40	Edinburgh	308¾	+ 10	3.6	
14.10	EFM Japan	141	+ 2	..	
571.20	Electra Inv	330	+ 4	2.7	..
178.40	Electric Gen	198¾	+ 2½	2.8	..
7.96	Eng & Caledon	177	..	2.8	
1.81	English Scot	122	+ 3	..	..
74.70	European Asset	299¾	+ 4½	2.2	..
84.40	Fidelity Euro Val†	182	+ 8	0.2	..
79.20	Fidelity Jap Val†	75¾	+ 1¼	0.2	
33.90	Fidelity Spec Val	92¾	+ 3½	..	
24.80	Finsbury 'A'	154	+ 2	2.6	
6.44	First Spanish	74	+ 5	0.4	..
191.90	Fleming Amer	286	+ 2	0.7	
35.00	Fleming Chinese	58	- ½	1.1	
3.36	Fleming Cl Wts	28	- 1		
128.60	Fleming Claverl	229	+ 6	3.1	..
281.80	Fleming Contl	309	+ 6	1.4	..
133.40	Fleming Em Mkts	138	+ 1½		
87.20	Fleming Entp	218	+ 8	2.8	
476.90	Fleming F East	315	+ 7	0.6	
45.20	Fleming Fledg	359	+ 9	1.0	
33.40	Fleming Hi Inc	103	+ 2	3.5	
58.30	Fleming Indian	67	- 4	1.7	
6.72	Fleming In Wts	40	- 3		
25.60	Fleming Ind	34½	+ 1½	12.9	
408.00	Fleming Japan	236	+ 6		
388.00	Fleming Merc	268¾	+ 4	3.2	
43.50	Fleming Nat Res	87	+ 3		
398.40	Fleming Overs	298¾	+ 7	1.8	
1,455.80	Foreign & Col	138¾	+ 2½	1.7	..
44.20	For & Col Inc Grwth	103	+ 3	2.5	
209.50	Frgn Emg Mkts	111¾	+ 5¼	..	
87.20	Frgn Enterprise	71¾	+ ½	1.4	
138.90	Frgn Eurotst	223	+ 4	0.7	
49.70	Frgn German	125	+ 1	0.5	
352.20	Frgn Pacific	306	+ 1	1.1	
71.10	Frgn PEP	123	+ 1	3.4	
175.60	Frgn Smaller	167¾	+ 2¾	1.5	
52.70	Frgn US Smlr	105	+ 1½		
2.89	Fulcrum Cap	18			
4.60	Fulcrum Inc	41	+ 2	26.4	
13.00	Fulcrum Zero	150	+ 2		
101.50	Gartmore Brit†	203	+ 1	4.5	
25.30	Gartmore Euro	149	+ 6	0.8	
30.90	Gartmore Shrd	91	+ 3	13.2	
31.40	G'more Smlr Cost	218	+ 2	3.3	
33.60	Geared Inc Inv†	84	- 1	12.3	
27.70	Genl Cons Cap	153	+ 3		
39.50	Genl Inc	109	+ 1	10.1	
38.40	German Inv	98¾	+ 1	0.1	
76.10	Gov Asn Sm Cost	203	+ 2	0.2	
37.70	Gov Eng Mks	98	+ 2½	0.3	
35.90	Govett Am Smlr	144			
17.20	Gov Glob Smls	79	+ 3		
40.00	Govett High Inc	80	+ 1	8.8	
614.60	Govett Oriental	342	+ 6	0.4	
239.80	Govett Strategic†	244	+ 4½	3.5	
45.08	Greenfriar	391	+ 8	2.2	
0.81	Gresham House	19			
139.20	GT Japan	223	+ 5	0.7	
86.00	H Govett Smlr Co	120¾	+ 1½	1.1	
31.10	Hend Hight	119	+ 4	6.0	..
47.60	Hend Strata	285	+ 5	0.2	..
59.10	Herald	91	+ 5	0.7	
18.90	HTR Jap Smaller	85	+ 2½	0.7	..
0.42	IIS Ent	14	+ 2		
32.20	IIS UK Smlr	111	+ 4	3.2	..
314.20	Inv Cap	127	+ 1½	5.2	
29.40	Ind Biotech	78			
	Ind Wts	20			
28.90	INVESCO Korea	125¾	+ 3½		
25.80	J Fry 2nd U	89	+ 3	8.3	
9.05	J Fry Euro U	85	+ 1	7.1	..
128.40	JF Fledg Jap	204	+ 5		
27.70	Jupiter Intl Grn	110	+ 4	3.9	
174.60	Kleinwort Chrl	215¾	+ 5½	3.0	..
29.79	Kleinwort E Mkt	105	+ 1		
33.60	Kleinwort End	112	+ 1		
393.80	Klnwt Euro Pvt	78¾	+ 2½	0.3	..
26.00	Klnwt Euro Wts	26	+ 1½		
35.50	Klnwt H Inc	85	+ 1	12.0	..
189.70	Klnwt O'seas	236¾	+ 2	1.8	
16.50	Klnwt Smlr†	125	+ 6	2.2	
87.10	Lazrn American	98¾	+ 3¼		
178.60	Law Debenture	791	- 1	3.2	
21.90	Lazard H Inc	86¾	+ ½	8.3	
21.60	Lloyds Sm Cap	88			
6.38	Lloyds Sm Dwt	26	..	17.5	
28.00	Lloyds Sm Ptgt	114	..	4.0	
56.80	Lon St Lawrence†	170	- 4	4.8	
39.70	Lon Smaller Co's	87	+ 1½	4.6	
73.80	Lowland†	314	- 1½	3.8	
178.20	Lydenburg	1125	..	2.0	
59.00	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	590	+ 30		
11.90	M&G 2nd Dual In	119	+ 2	25.2	
116.20	M&G Dual Cap	2733	+ 85		
14.50	M&G Dual Inc	253	+ 3		
61.90	M&G Inc Geared	61½	..	10.2	
69.00	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	28			
83.60	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	34	..	18.4	
177.10	M&G Inc Package	121½	- 1½	5.1	
146.60	M&G Inc Zero Div	59¾	+ ½		
37.70	M&G Rec Cap	28			
567.10	M&G Rec Geared	57	..	8.5	
39.10	M&G Rec Inc	29	..	16.7	
150.40	M&G Rec Pacge	134	+ 2	3.6	
108.40	M&G Rec Zero Div	80¾	+ 2½		
56.20	M Currie Euro	114	+ 1	0.3	
52.90	M Currie Pac	129	+ 1	0.1	
104.50	Majedie	199	+ 1	3.3	
9.02	Marlston	44			
276.20	Merchants†	270	+ 8	5.3	
504.60	Mercury Euro Pv	87¾	+ 1½	0.8	
34.50	Mercury Eur Wt	30	+ 2		
379.00	Mercury World	89	- ½	0.9	
20.00	Mercury Wld Wt	23¾	+ 1		
410.50	Monks Inv Tst	529	+ 6	1.7	
49.00	Morg Gren Inc	142	+ 3	4.2	
2.47	Morg Wts	51	+ 1		
40.10	Morg Lati Amer	62¾	- 1		
4.11	Morg Wts	32	+ ½		
31.80	Murray Ent	119	+ 3	2.3	
1.30	Murray Ent Wts	27	+ 2		
54.00	Murray Eng Eco	83	+ 1		
3.71	Murray Em Ec Wt	29¾	+ 1		
17.40	Murray Euro†	58	+ 1	0.8	..
0.66	Murray Eu Wts	11	+ ½	..	
291.80	Murray Incme	338¾	+ 6¾	4.5	
403.90	Murray Intl†	336	+ 4	4.7	..
10.80	Murray S/C DP	168¾	+ 1½	..	
8.12	Murray S/C Cap	145	+ 6	..	
6.08	Murray S/C Inc	76	..	18.1	
1.57	Murray S/C Uts	3025	+ 50	4.4	..
339.40	Murray Smll†	416	+ 8	1.3	..
88.70	Murray Ventr†	359	+ 2	4.6	..
6.52	Newmarket	18			
21.10	Nedmg Inct?	54	+ 1	9.8	..
18.60	Nedmg Cap?	75			
130.30	O'seas Inv Tst	342	+ 5	1.2	
2.95	O'seas Wts	164¾	+ 3½		
94.00	Pacific Assets	461	+ 6	0.4	
11.80	Pacific Wts	365	+ 5		
32.80	Perpetual Jap	89¾	+ 2		
17.88	Personal Assets†	8800	+100	2.8	
41.20	Pilot Inv	111	+ 2	1.2	
7.98	Pxpa Euro Sm	79	+ 1		
68.60	Proliffe Inc	93	+ 2½	1.0	
318.90	RIT Cap Ptnr	178¾	+ ½	1.1	
10.90	River Merc Am Cap	29	+ 1		
7.28	River Merc Am Inc†	97	..	10.1	
0.51	River Merc Am Wts	6¾	+ ¼		
49.10	River Merc Cap	122	+ 4		
33.80	River Merc Ex Inc†	91	+ 3	10.7	
0.72	River Merc Ex Inc Wt	12	+ 2		
11.90	River Merc Grd Inc†	81	+ 2½	11.6	
9.10	River Merc Grd Pfd	26			
22.10	River Merc Tst Inc	110	+ 1	10.5	
31.20	River Merc Sm Co	124	..	4.2	
1.56	River Merc Sm Wt	32			
	Robeco	400	..	3.6	
	Rolinco	422	..	1.8	
105.90	Schrod Jap Gwth	84¾	+ 2½		
10.80	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	43	+ 1		
43.30	Schrod Korea Fd	656	- 12	0.2	
3.44	Sch Korea Fd Wt	312¾	+ 1½		
43.70	Sch Spl Zero Div	115¾	+ 2½	..	
6.93	Scn Split Fd Cap	24½			
58.00	Scn Split Fd Inc	102¾	+ ½	9.1	
119.20	Schrod UK Gwth	101	+ 2	1.9	
	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	35	+ 3		
610.00	Scot	225	+ 4½	2.9	
357.80	Scot American	180	+ 1½	3.9	
53.10	Scot Asian	253	+ 2		
4.17	Scot Wts	595			
533.80	Scot Eastern†	84¾	+ 2	2.3	
818.80	Scot Mtge	227	+ 2½	2.5	
134.90	Scot Natl Tst	84¾	+ 3	11.3	
54.30	Scot Value	108	+ 1½	2.3	
315.50	Second Alliance	1643	+ 23	3.3	
275.50	Secs Tst of Scot	86	+ 2	5.1	
37.00	Selective Asset	128	+ 2	1.8	
24.80	SHIRESCOT	128	..	5.6	
41.20	Sphere Invt	34	+ 1	14.2	
118.10	St Andrew Inv	320	+ 5	3.2	
203.10	Temple Bar	354¾	+ 5½	4.9	
102.20	Thmn Asian E	102	+ 2	0.6	
1.57	Throg Dual Cp	45	+ 2		
240.00	Throgmorton	79	+ 3½	3.6	
477.40	Tphos Emg Mkt	119	+ 2	8.7	
318.30	TR City Of Lon†	155¾	+ 3½	4.2	
98.00	TR Euro Growth	172	+ 1½	1.2	
89.60	TR Far East	146¾	+ 1½	5.2	
136.70	TR Pacific	102	+ 1	0.2	
137.70	TR Property	29¾	..	3.8	
335.90	TR Smlr Cos	189¾	+ 4	2.5	
39.60	TR Tech Inv	109	+ 4	2.0	
23.10	Turkey Trust	233	+ 1	1.1	
85.60	USDC Invest	234	+ 6	2.4	
56.10	Undervalued Ast	104¾	+ ¼		
52.10	Value Inc Tst	117	..	4.5	
28.20	Warrants & Val	32¾	+ 2		
11.60	Wigmore	57	- 3	1.7	
874.40	Witan	233	+ 2½	3.3	
21.40	Yeoman Inc	87	+ 1	19.7	

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.00	Abrdn Stk H	25			
478.40	Airtours	420	- 1	3.6	9.2
18.29	Aid Leis	28			
214.10	Alpha Airpts	142	+ 3	4.1	*
50.70	Arcadian†	46	..	2.2	
26.70	Baldwin	140	+ 5	3.6	10.4
33.10	Barr & Wall	222	- 1	6.4	*
35.50	Bluebird Toys†	216	- 8	4.6	6.1
69.60	Boosey Hwkst	355	+ 4½	2.1	*
7.35	Brent Walker	2	..		
9.30	Bristol Scotts	150	..	3.8	*
15.10	Cactel Pic	16	..	8.6	8.9
67.30	Chrysalis	253	- 1		
161.40	City Centre Rest†	84	+ 3½	3.0	
791.80	Compass Gp	332	- 1½	2.5	17.3
72.60	Eurocamp	276	+ 6	4.8	12.3
1,476.50	Euro Disney	193	+ 10		
15.40	Euro Leisure	116	..		
15.00	Fairline Boats	428	+ 53	4.5	19.8
183.70	First Choice	116	- 1	4.1	30.4
472.20	First Leisure	289	..	3.0	18.4
2,239.70	Forte†	237	+ 9	4.0	24.3
29.50	Friendly Hotels	148	- 1	4.9	
3,208.10	Granada	564	- 5½	2.2	16.8
22.10	Groupe Chez Gert	118	+ 6	0.8	16.3
9.13	Hi-Tec Sports	18	+ 1	11.1	
9.55	Hornby†	115	..	5.4	21.5
61.30	Jarys Hotel	180¾	+ 1½	3.6	16.3
46.40	Kunick	19¾	- ¼	3.2	22.7
308.20	London Clubs	294	+ 6	5.1	15.0
2,141.80	Ladbroke†	184	+ 4	4.1	*
2.51	Magnolia	44	..	0.3	
93.60	Man Utd	154	+ 9	3.5	12.9
582.00	Mandarin Orntl	84¾	- 1½	4.1	
26.20	My Kinda Town	10½	..	1.2	
37.90	Northern†	79	- 1	6.3	13.1
51.80	Pelican Gp	72	..	2.2	15.0
75.70	PizzaExpress	141	+ 5	1.9	17.5
8.88	Prism Leisure	81	- 1	6.5	5.7
9.91	Quadrant Grp	27			
23.30	Ramsomes (H)	265	- 2	2.1	30.8
3,494.30	Rank Org	421	- 3	3.9	20.7
20.00	Ryan Hotels E	30½	+ 1½	4.3	17.4
263.10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	920	- 15	1.0	
405.80	Stakis	84¾	+ ½	2.3	19.8
208.20	Stanley Leisure	387	+ 4	1.8	21.2
1,297.90	Tanjong	346	..	1.0	
5,097.50	Thorn EMI	1191	+ 54	3.6	21.6
20.50	Tottenham Hot	128	+ 3	1.0	13.3
67.30	VCI†	173	+ 8	3.0	
135.00	Vardon†	155	+ 1	1.2	21.8
5.79	Wembley	2¼	- ¼		
7.59	Zetters Gp	115	..	10.3	9.0

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
117.10	Abbott Mead†	367	..	2.5	*
51.60	Adscene	290	+ 4	3.8	18.1
224.90	Aegis Gp	27¾	+ ¼	..	11.0
3.09	Allied Radio	2¾			
0.91	BBB Design	11	- 2		30.4
33.60	Barbour Index	199	+ 3	5.4	17.8
4.76	Bristalle	5¾	+ ¼		
5.05	Black (A&C)	325	..	5.8	11.1
219.70	Blenheim Gp	236	+ 4	5.6	14.1
22.70	Border TV	223	- 6	2.4	19.5
57.50	Bristol	353	+ 1	4.4	35.9
4,630.60	B Sky B	270	+ 23½	..	50.8
57.70	CIA Grp†	140	+ 5	1.7	*
43.80	Caledonian Med	29¾			
277.70	Capital Radio	381	+ 4	2.4	23.8
2,196.50	Carlton Comms	955	+ 11	2.7	17.5
6.87	City of Lon	87	..	6.3	13.3
228.40	Cordiant	103	- 10	..	17.5
70.20	Daily Mail	1406¾	+ 9¾	1.5	23.8
1,130.50	Daily Mail 'A'	1134¾	+ 15¾	1.8	19.3
280.60	Dorling Kindt	401	- 5	1.1	37.9
859.60	EMAP	435	+ 2	2.6	24.0
4,675.90	Elsevier	711½	+ 29½		
324.00	Euromoney Pb	1485	..	3.6	21.4
3.92	Fitch	11			
379.70	Flextech	407	- 9		
63.30	GWR Grp	119	..	1.7	33.6
43.60	Gold Greenless	164	..	3.0	19.8
8.08	Goodhead	20	..	0.3	
44.40	Grampian	315	+ 25	3.7	
171.05	HTV Group†	195	+ 6½	1.4	28.5
5.09	Harrington K	48	- 8	2.6	
45.40	Haynes Pub	291	+ 2	3.9	16.2
125.60	Hodder H'line†	360	+ 15	2.1	*
14.00	Home Counties	140	..	4.9	*
346.00	Independent	288	..	3.8	13.8
100.40	Info Bus Comms†	358	+ 1	3.1	12.7
6.86	Infosource?	138	..	7.6	33.0
188.20	Johnston Press†	141	+ 1	1.8	17.9
9.03	Lopex†	17	+ 1	1.8	
62.60	MAID	7	- 1		
52.50	Metal Bulletin	930	..	2.8	24.1
161.30	Midland Indt	117	..	3.5	
545.60	Mirror Grp†	131	- 1	3.3	9.1
136.40	More O'Ferrall	389	+ 13	4.2	*
6,051.10	News Corp	335	+ 24	0.4	21.2
2,134.00	News Intl	309	+ 20	0.9	6.0
7.53	Osprey Comms	38	- 1	0.9	20.5
3,298.60	Pearson†	590	- 17	3.2	17.3
90.90	Phonelink	356	+ 11		
70.80	Portsmth Sund	590	..	2.3	12.1
43.20	Quarto†	235	+ 17	3.4	
4,723.50	Reed Intl†	837¾	+ 37½	3.2	*
7,932.50	Reuters	475	+ 2½	2.1	22.8
57.10	Scott Radio	247	- 2	2.7	18.7
221.20	Scot TV†	458	- 3	3.8	*
40.10	SelecTV	28	- 1		
50.10	Shandwick	37	+ 2½	4.4	8.5
36.30	Southnews	234	+ 1	1.8	23.5
14.00	Sterling Publ	30	..	15.2	2.8
7.07	Sumall & Vicet?	124	..	4.0	10.5
77.90	Taylor Nelson	35½	+ ½	2.3	*
598.00	Telegraph	442	+ 8	3.7	18.9
4,063.40	Thomson Corp	835	+ 20	..	14.1
238.00	Trinity Intl†	343	+ 9	3.9	14.3
84.30	Ulster TV†	803	- 28	3.1	*
1,254.60	Utd Newspapers†	517	+ 22	5.6	13.6
10.48	VTR†	100	+ ½	5.2	10.7
5.64	WMGO	8½	..	15.6	3.9
838.00	WPP	114¾	+ 3½	1.2	14.4
253.60	Yorkshire TV	488	- 6	1.0	*

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,053.30	Ang Am Coal	4181¼	..	2.2	23.9
8,385.70	Ang Am	3575	+ 34¾	2.0	33.6
1,399.00	Ang Am Gold	5733¾	..	4.5	15.8
19.40	Anglo Pac Res	25	+ 1		
1,336.40	Ashanti	1593¾	+ 40¾	1.0	19.2
313.20	Ashton	112	+ 4	4.6	..
48.60	Balrychk?	193	+ 13	..	
389.00	Beatrix	413¾	+ 2¾	4.6	21.9
3.15	Belchi?	30	..	3.0	
28.20	Blyvoors	117¾	+ 6¾		
120.30	Bougainville	30			
1.40	Bracken	10	- ½	8.6	
48.10	Buffels	437¾	+ 17¾	12.0	
6.59	Butte	2¾			
5,378.80	CRA	902	+ 19	3.1	21.5
50.20	Central Pacific	50			
35.80	Cluff Res	49	+ ½		
110.50	Coal Inv	110	- 2		
11.10	Cons Murchison	178	+ 2	3.4	4.9
6,653.60	De Beers	1758	+ 25	2.9	
62.20	Deelkraal	82¾	+ 3½	5.5	5.7
22.00	Doornfontein	55	+ 8½		
1,879.60	Driefontein	921¾	+ 24¾	4.9	12.9
15.40	Durban	883¾	+ 3½		
75.40	E Rand Gold	164¾	+ 10¾	12.6	
88.10	E Rand Prop	68¾	+ ¼		
53.50	Eastern Trans	82	..	3.6	15.4
367.70	Elandsrand	296¾	+ 1½	3.8	8.8
1,133.00	Eng China Cly	371	..	5.5	18.2
901.20	FS Cons	757½	- 3½	6.1	
10.00	FS Dev	45	- 8	2.7	
1,892.40	GFSA	1893¾	+131¼	2.6	21.4
244.30	GM Kalgoorli	57	+ 3	2.4	21.6
2,836.70	Gencor	206¾	+ 4¾	1.6	20.8
14.70	Gold Fields Prop▼	144	..	7.2	
16.60	Greenwich R 'A'	14¾	+ ¼		
16.10	Grootvlei	140¾	+ 6¾	6.1	8.2
57.60	Geolita Cons?	324¾	+ 9	1.0	11.5
147.40	Harmony	549¾	- ..		
249.80	Hartes	223	+ 5½	11.5	7.2
913.50	Impala Plat	1443¾	+ 21¾	1.7	44.5
126.20	Kinross	101	- 4	11.9	8.1
112.40	Kloof?	625	+ 3½	10.5	6.4
1,011.90	Kloof	730	+ 23¾	4.8	6.9
13.50	Leslie	84¾	+ 1	12.3	5.1
38.80	Loraine	237¾	+ 41¾	..	
12.00	Malaysia?	14	+ 1	..	..
0.60	Mhangura	3			
1,369.50	MIM	86	- 6	3.7	
3,323.40	Minorco†	1475	+ 50	2.8	18.7
74.50	Monarch	138			
6.21	Moneyagle?	95	- 15	3.9	7.6
61.30	NSM†	102	..		8.5
1,010.90	Nth Brkn Hill	154	+ 8	3.4	22.8
82.50	Oryx Gold	50			
195.40	Pancontinental	88	+ 5		
24.88	Peteling Tin	123	- 8	1.6	
948.50	Placer Pac	152	- 2		
891.80	RJB	404	- 22	3.9	
8,525.30	RTZ†	799	+ 9	3.7	15.3
4.51	Rackwood	28	+ 1		
372.80	Rand Mines	81	..	1.7	57.6
212.40	Randfontein	347¾	+ 13½	13.6	4.6
411.60	Renison?	287	- 6		
1,847.20	Rustnburg	1553¾	- 53¾	1.9	37.8
107.00	St Barbara	51	- 1	2.7	13.1
58.40	St Helena	585¾	+ 7	10.1	
192.40	Sons of Gwalia?	270	..	4.3	17.9
52.80	Sthern Pacific	19	+ 1		
386.90	Southvaal	1521¾	+162¾	5.1	19.4
12.49	Stillfontein	95	+ ¼	24.5	2.9
46.09	Unisel	164¾	+ 19	5.8	7.9
737.30	Vaal Reefs	3856¾	+ 34¾	5.6	6.4
10.60	Wankie Col Z	10¾	+ ½	17.8	2.5
11.00	Water Hall	1¾	+ ¼		
104.50	Watts Blake†	500	+ 15	3.4	
595.10	Western Deep	2146¾	+118¾	4.0	7.8
3,755.90	Western Mng	340	- 7	1.6	36.9
74.20	Winkels	609¾	- 28¾	7.9	8.4
44.10	Zambia Copper	38			
46.90	Zandpan	36	- 4	11.9	8.4

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
115.10	Aran Energy	44	- ½	..	*
16.00	Arcon Intl▲	22	..	..	
	Ass Oil & Gas	33¾	+ 3¾	..	
17.70	Aviva Pet	56	+ 1		
127.80	Br Borneo†	284	+ 13	3.3	*
13,263.00	British Gas	303¾	+ 2	6.1	32.4
25,129.80	Br Petroleum†	455¾	+ 8	2.9	16.1
16.80	Bula Resources	2¾			
1,784.00	Burmah Castrl†	892	+ 19	4.2	15.6
54.40	Cairn Energy	84	+ 7		
441.50	Calor Gp	262	..	6.1	13.4
191.90	Clyde Petl	47	- ½	2.7	21.0
14.70	Coplex Res	8¾	+ 2		
33.70	Dragon Oil	1¾			
6.61	Edin Oil & Gs	19	+ ½	..	31.7
2,046.00	Enterprise†	415	+ 3½	4.8	38.4
58.10	Flogas	240	..	5.2	*
61.20	Fortune	5¾	+ ¼		
87.20	Goal Pett	72¾	+ ½	3.6	23.7
28.30	Gt Western Res	28			
198.90	Hardy O & G	176	+ 2	0.7	22.5
77.50	Kelt Energy	50	+ 1		
1,670.10	Lasmo†	173	+ 5	0.7	..
2.76	Lasmo Units	38	..	28.6	
426.60	Monument	64	+ ¼		
8.03	New London	5			
5,952.90	Norsk Hydro	2600	+ 78¾	1.7	
4.51	Oceonics	3½			
137.70	Oil Search	45	+ 2		
	Petroz	36¾	+ ¾		
275.40	Premier	27¾	+ 2		
2.80	Presidio	11			
54.70	Pittencrieff Rs	95	+ 4		
89.39	Ramco Egy	361	+ 23	0.3	*
433.20	Ranger	440	- 8	4.5	
42,304.70	Royal Dtch Fl	7800¾	+231½	4.6	14.8
9,863.70	Schlumberger	4053¾	+121½	2.3	
4.24	Scott Pickford	35	..	3.2	6.7
50.30	Soco	98	+ 1		
25,127.70	Shell†	758	+ 21½	4.5	18.9
3.40	Sunrise Eng Sv	#116			
9,029.40	Total	3890¾	+103¾	3.8	
11.80	Vittors Grp	10	+ ½		
1,726.70	Woodside	259	+ 7	1.4	..
62.30	XCL	33			

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
16.20	BWD	84	- 1	6.2	8.1
39.60	Baltic Plc	131	..	2.9	*
3.38	Berry Bch Ntl?	52	- 1	12.3	7.8
93.30	Biotec Inv	157	+ 1		
30.20	Brewin Dolphin	145	+ 2	4.3	11.1
536.00	Caledonia	645	- 3	3.2	17.6
57.50	Camellia	2300	..	1.7	6.1
36.60	Carlisle†	18¾	..	3.7	17.8
221.90	Cattles†	163½	- 1½	4.4	
5.41	Christie	23	..		50.8
7.02	EFG	15	+ ¼	4.3	
39.00	EFT Group†	78	+ 3	2.8	13.4
144.00	EFM	759	- 2	4.0	15.5
197.10	Excel†	160	+ 2½	4.7	
138.40	First Nat Fin	82	+ 6½	2.3	82.3
343.60	Gartmore	170½	- 3	4.0	14.3
198.80	Goode	283	- 4	6.4	4.7
244.70	Henderson Ad	1133	+ 13	5.0	15.7
512.50	Invesco†	195	+ 8½	2.8	17.6
12.70	Investment Co	46	- 1	4.8	14.7
63.50	Ivory Sime	218	- 1	4.3	16.8
2,006.40	Jardine Strat	212¾	+ ½	4.3	
15.60	Johnson Fry†	104	..	2.4	
164.40	Lon Forfaiting	162	+ 1	7.2	14.1
75.90	Lon Scot Bk	125	+ 1	4.3	16.4
398.40	Man ED & F	155	+ 1	6.9	8.5
845.20	M & G	1136	- 1	3.3	19.9
671.40	MAI	266	- 2	3.7	13.4
	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	104	+ 1		
1,611.80	MAM	887	+ 94	3.2	20.7
88.70	Nat Home Loan	101	+ 1½	..	9.2
404.10	Perpetual	1475	+ 7	3.0	16.0
764.50	Provident	568	+ 3	4.5	14.0
72.10	Rathbone Brst	308	+ 3	3.7	*
84.40	Rutland Tst†	28	+ ½	4.8	11.3
34.60	S & U	293	- 2	5.5	*
39.40	Sharelink	233	..	4.8	8.7
312.40	SJP Capital	114	..	3.3	8.1
286.60	Smith New Ct	424	- 13	2.9	4.9
10.00	Tenny Law	65	- 6½	8.8	15.5
14.20	Trio Hldgs	17	+ ½	0.7	27.9
3.15	Western Select	21	..	1.5	..

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
238.60	Brit Biotech	494	..	..	..
13.20	Cantab Pharms	133	+ 25	..	..
216.50	Celltech	304¾	- 1½	..	
87.70	Chiroscience	129	+ 7	..	
46.90	Cortecs	42¾	+ 3	..	
1,302.70	Fisons†	188¾	+ 3	2.9	
25,415.00	Glaxo Wellcome	732	- 2½	4.8	16.8
82.00	Grampian Hdgt	118	+ 1	6.1	15.1
699.10	Medeva†	242	..	1.7	16.6
2.19	Premier Health	4¾	- ¼		
32.20	Quality Care	230	..	2.4	11.4
274.50	Scotia	426	+ 8	..	
9.67	Shield Diag	52	+ 7	..	
6,957.70	SmithKline†	502	+ 10½	3.3	14.8
6,242.10	SmithKline Uts	476¾	+ 3	3.4	14.1
9,375.10	Wellcome†	1069	- 1	2.7	23.0
8,703.20	Zeneca†	920	+ 16	3.9	20.8

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23.00	AG Holdings†	128	- ½	5.4	12.5
92.00	API	430	+ 1	2.6	20.5
2,208.60	Arjo Wiggins†	270	- 1	3.4	14.3
22.00	Aspen Comms†	162	+ ½	4.1	*
120.60	Bemrose†	378	+ 7	4.3	*
2,329.70	Bowater†	465	+ 18	3.7	14.5
874.60	Bowater Inc	2380¾	+175	..	
79.50	Boxmore Intl▼	289	+ 7	1.9	*
167.50	Br Polythene†	551	+ 14	3.1	*
5.96	Br Thornton	37	..	6.8	3.2
198.40	Britton Grpt	144	+ 1½	2.2	16.4
822.00	Bunzl†	193	+ 5	3.2	16.0
41.60	Capital Indst	149	- 1	3.8	*
1,876.00	Carnaud MB	2325	+109¾	2.4	
19.80	Cropper (James)	238	..	1.8	12.5
2,007.00	De La Rue	900	+ 2	2.8	16.3
4.47	Delyn Group	52	- 2	4.0	9.4
23.40	Dolphin Packt	100	+ 7	5.6	*
28.70	Fairway Group	88	+ 4	5.1	14.3
135.80	Ferguson Intl	337	..	4.7	13.5
16.80	Ferry Pick	125	..	5.9	12.2
83.60	Inveresk	159	+ 12	4.3	*
124.70	Jarvis Porter	283	..	2.6	17.4
461.50	Low & Bonar†	469	+ 14	3.1	15.6
68.60	MY Holdings	51½	..	4.2	12.4
210.40	Macfarlane†	261	+ 25	2.1	19.1
17.70	Photobition	171	+ 1	4.4	12.4
98.10	Plysu	206	+ 11	4.2	33.6
353.50	St Ives Grp†	356	- 3½	2.5	19.3
1,356.00	Sappi	1304	+ 6¾	0.4	..
5.57	Senit?	7½	+ ½		
109.10	Sidlaw	159	+ 1	8.8	*
880.30	Smith David	571	+ 16	2.7	17.3
1,997.00	Smurfit (Jeff)†	371	+ 7	2.0	*
1.34	Somic	92	- 2	3.7	9.8
5.78	Unit Group	35	+ 1		
180.60	Wace†	230	+ 6	2.9	11.0
198.30	Waddington (J)	191	+ 1	5.8	62.3
350.30	Watmough	385	+ 5	2.5	*
32.90	Wyndeham	146	+ 6	2.5	18.6

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
49.40	Allied Lon†	71	- 1	6.8	8.5
145.50	Argent	265	+ 5	..	..
9.42	Arlesson Ests	70	- 1		
88.90	Asda Ppty?	113	+ 1	2.7	34.3
206.80	Bilton†	235	+ 9	5.3	*
88.70	Birdsy?	178	- 5	4.8	15.5
8.57	Bolton Gp▲	24	+ 4		
34.80	Bourne End	57	+ 1	2.4	..
255.50	Bradford	175	- 1	4.8	14.7
6.05	Brightstone	115	..	4.0	53.8
1,363.40	Br Land	375	+ 7	2.6	35.6
403.10	Brixton†	173	+ 1	8.7	16.2
306.20	Burford	103	- ½	2.1	27.3
97.10	CLS Hldgs†	98	- 1	4.3	*
66.90	Cap & Regnl†	147	+ 3	1.8	*
750.30	Cap Shop Ctrs	205	+ 3	4.2	*
5.53	Cardiff Prop	158	..	2.1	26.1
51.90	Cathay Intl	18¾	- ½		
263.60	Chelsfield†	188	+ 2	1.9	..
87.80	Chesterfield	448	..	3.5	20.1
36.20	Chesterton Intl	64	..	6.4	10.8
7.39	City Site Ests	48	..		11.2
11.60	Clarke Nickolls	7	..	3.6	10.5
5.83	Compco	70	..	7.1	6.2
26.30	Cox Riddell?	22	+ 3	3.7	25.8
193.20	Daejan	1165	..	3.1	12.2
14.80	Daniels Estates	4			
2.60	De Morgan	#5½			
31.70	Debenham Tewsn	75	+ 13	5.6	11.9
27.90	Derecorp?	150	- 6	3.2	*
80.20	Derwent Hldgs†	258	+ 3	2.4	*
38.50	Development Sec	13¾	- ¼	2.3	
19.00	Dwyer	37	- 2	2.5	17.5
6.17	Elmco?	27½			
24.80	Estates Agency	360	..	4.7	
3.53	Estates Gen	16½			
127.70	Evans Of Leeds	96	+ 10	3.4	16.0
23.40	Ex-Lands	21	+ ½	2.5	28.8
28.50	Fiscal Propt	65	..	3.6	76.7
23.40	Five Oaks†	24	..	3.1	10.1
1.83	Fletcher King	21	..	8.9	10.4
5.02	Folkes Group	44	- 2	4.6	
10.40	Folkes Group nv	43	- 2	4.7	*
224.20	Frogmore†	443	+ 1	4.9	17.0
62.20	Grainger	259	..	2.8	14.3
556.60	Gr Portland	172	+ 7	6.0	29.4
174.60	Greycoat	136	+ 5	0.6	
115.30	Hambro Cntywt	35	+ 3	0.2	
922.90	Hammerson†	328	+ 3	3.8	22.8
58.50	Helical Bar†	310	+ 8	2.6	*
32.70	Hemingway†	28¾	+ 1	1.9	20.8
2.82	Herring Baker	12	..	10.4	
1.90	High-Point	38	- 2	3.3	
3,368.00	HK Land	125	+ 7½	5.8	
15.40	Jermyn	154	..	0.4	
2,863.10	Land Sec	581	+ 28	5.2	16.8
47.30	London Indl	305	- 3	4.1	16.7
23.10	Lon & Assoc	31¾	+ ½	2.8	
2.73	Lon & Metro	6	+ ½	..	0.2
212.40	Lon Merch Sec	87	..	6.0	14.4
1,562.90	MEPC	384	+ 9	6.5	22.4
3.91	McInerney A	8¾	+ ¼		
31.10	McKay Secs	130	- 1	5.0	12.4
10.90	Marlowe Mtr?	64	..	6.3	7.7
17.50	Moorfield Est	26	..	4.8	12.2
42.40	Mountview	925	..	3.0	7.1
127.90	Muckow (A&J)	131	+ 2	6.2	16.7
13.30	ORB	1	..		1.3
13.40	Olives Prop	26	..	1.5	
154.70	PSIT	127	..	4.8	17.0
163.40	Peel	206	+ 2	3.0	27.9
189.00	Pillar Prop	187	+ 4	2.8	
2.03	Power Corp	1¾			
11.40	Premier Land	4¾	..		16.6
12.70	RPS Group†	63	..	4.4	11.6
44.70	Raglan	27	+ 1		6.8
22.80	Regalian	19½	- ½		4.8
14.40	Rowlinson Secs	115	+ 8	2.0	8.2
17.60	Rugby Estt	86	..	2.8	
58.60	St Modwen Prp	50	..	4.0	9.0
55.50	Savills Grdn (J)	55	+ 1	6.4	13.1
22.40	Savills	58	+ 9	4.8	8.4
95.30	Scot Met	73	+ 1	4.3	12.6
42.80	Shaftesbury	88	+ 1	1.4	19.2
837.40	Slough Estates†	212	- 3	4.8	20.2
18.70	Smart (J)	185	- 5	5.7	19.4
46.40	Southend Prop	43	..	7.1	
23.40	Specty Shops	186	..	1.5	
85.50	TBLA	38¾	+ ½	..	1.8
75.00	Tops Ests	162	..	1.7	41.3
126.20	Town Centre	98	+ 2	4.0	17.3
58.00	Trafford Park	87	+ 5	4.8	14.2
15.00	Trocolamwood?	18	..		7.1
4.22	UK Land	44	+ 1		
96.20	Warner	198	- 2	7.2	19.3
88.30	Warnford	230	..	4.2	19.0
130.80	Wates	66			
1.65	Whitney Mcls?	25			
3.69	Wood John D	45	..	5.6	9.7
1.06	YRM	8			

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,246.70	ASDA Group	77½	- 4	2.9	17.8
3,278.80	Argyll	290	+ 4	5.0	12.4
295.90	Brake Bros	579	+ 31	1.6	
51.30	Budgen	31½	- 1½	4.0	16.1
3.30	Callers	12½			
1,041.30	Dairy Farm Intl	60½	- 5½	4.5	
81.20	Farepak	350	..	2.5	18.1
113.60	Fitzwilton	45	- 1	6.4	19.0
293.20	Fyffes	104	+ 2	1.8	14.9
124.90	Geest	174	+ 4	6.0	13.4
129.40	Greggs†	1135	..	2.5	15.9
475.40	Iceland Group†	172	- 6	3.1	10.3
893.20	Kwik Save	577	- 12	4.3	10.3
13.60	Merchant Retail	16	+ 5		
1,029.80	Morrison (W)†	144	- 1	1.0	14.5
237.20	Nurdin Peacock	186	..	4.8	
166.70	Park Foods	105	+ 3	3.1	20.2
2.45	Regina Hlth	1¾			
7,774.40	Sainsbury J	430	- 7½	3.1	15.2
5,549.80	Tesco†	289½	- 10	4.0	13.1
105.50	Thorntons	164	- 9	3.6	13.4
164.90	Watson& Philip	387	- 1	4.9	14.5

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
14.90	Alexon	26			
244.30	Alders	237	+ 8	3.5	13.4
1,262.00	Argos Part	423	+ 16	3.1	18.0
178.50	Ashley (Laura)	78	+ 2		
87.30	Asprey	84	+ 6	9.0	6.9
65.50	Austin Reed	212	+ 1	3.6	
67.50	Beattie (J) 'A'	145	+ 14	5.7	*
47.30	Bentalls	113	..	3.4	
46.40	Bettermans	45	+ 2½	7.5	
10.80	Blacks Leis	34	..	8.3	
282.80	Body Shop	149	- 31	2.0	
4,915.80	Boots	518	+ 8	3.7	10.5
9.80	Brown & Jackson	1½			
332.90	Brown (N)	228	- 4	2.7	*
1,067.00	Burton	75½	- 2½	3.3	37.2
14.00	Carlors	99	- 5	5.4	13.1
196.60	Carpetright	256	+ 8	4.0	18.2
263.20	Christies Intl	162	+ 6	1.8	
49.60	Church†	455	- 3	3.8	19.0
14.40	Clinton Cards†	85	+ 2	8.9	*
30.80	C'try Casuals	109	+ 2	5.1	*
187.40	Courts Furnish	765	..	1.0	38.9
3.09	Crown Eye	193	..	6.5	8.1
303.50	DFS Furniture	291	+ 11	3.3	21.7
943.50	Dixons Grp	237	- 5	3.5	25.2
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	..	4.0	
8.81	ERA Gp	7	..		18.9
13.09	Essex Furn	113	+ 2	5.1	12.6
137.60	Etam	210	+ 11	4.7	*
302.40	Fine Art Dev	378	+ 8	4.8	11.7
2.62	Fired Earth	46	..		21.3
18.90	Flying Flowers	104	..	2.3	13.6
52.40	French Conn	291	..		12.3
190.60	Frost Group	271	- 1	2.8	23.1
10.70	Gieves	47	..	4.8	16.8
29.80	Goldsmiths Gp	136	+ 5	2.8	*
6,086.00	GUS	600	+ 10	2.8	17.2
48.80	Hamleys†	214	+ 3	4.1	18.1
7.95	Hampden Grpt	53	..	2.8	14.3
362.80	Hse of Fraser†	158	+ 10½	4.4	20.3
18.70	Hughes (TJ)	81	..	3.9	13.3
91.20	JJB Sports	304	+ 8	2.5	*
3,119.60	Kingfisher†	487	+ 19½	4.1	18.1
20.20	Kleeneze	145	+ 31	1.3	41.3
51.10	Liberty†	228	- 4½	3.9	
266.10	Lloyds Chemt	219	- 2	5.5	7.1
751.00	MFI	129	+ 4	4.0	16.1
11,813.10	Marks Spencer	422¾	+ 2	2.8	18.8
284.70	Menzies (John)	530	+ 8	2.8	12.5
72.40	Moss Bros	425	+ 12	3.6	*
1,167.50	Next	312	- 4½	3.7	18.1
2.75	OEM	45	+ 4		
23.30	Oliver (G)†	92	..	1.4	13.8
17.70	Partridge Fine	88	- 1	5.2	8.9
45.40	QS Hldgs	115	+ 1	5.8	13.1
22.50	Rhino Grp	16	- ½		
33.30	Rosebys†	116	..	5.2	12.7
1,644.90	Sears	108¾	+ 4	4.7	15.4
41.00	Signet Group	14	- 1½		
1,140.30	Smith WH†	409	..	4.8	21.0
275.80	Sotheby's	613	..	3.2	38.7
1,002.60	Storehouse	240¾	- 5½	3.8	18.7
54.40	Style	187	- 5	4.0	*
107.60	T & S Stores†	188	- 8	4.9	*
61.70	Tie Rack	120	..	2.4	12.6
3.11	Upton & South	2	- ¼		
332.20	Vendome	476	- 4	2.4	21.7
48.40	WEW Group	34	+ 4	2.8	28.5
7.02	Wild of Leather†	58	..	3.2	12.4
67.00	Wyevale	175	+ 8	3.5	*

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,665.70	Allied Domecq	549	+ 1	5.2	14.8
216.80	Bulmer (HP)	414	+ 4	3.3	22.4
62.96	Burn Stewart†	106	- ½	5.9	21.8
8,331.10	Grand Met	399	- ½	4.4	16.8
9,489.30	Guinness†	470	+ 5	3.7	14.8
460.70	Highland Distl	362	+ 3	2.6	16.3
208.50	Macallan-Glen†	179	+ 2	8.9	*
92.50	Macdo Mtn 'A'	675	+ 45	1.8	29.0
273.60	Matthew Clark	598	+ 3	3.9	27.4
8.94	Morydown W	82	+ 1	3.8	*
173.00	Taunton Cider	158	+ 4	5.3	12.3

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
194.20	ACT Group	110	..	6.0	11.6
1,003.90	ADT	723	- 5	..	..
15.00	Alphameric	36	+ ½	..	27.5
59.80	Axis Sec	50	- 8½		*
1,122.00	BET Ord	120	+ 1½	3.6	17.1
31.70	BNB Rest†	148	+ 4	4.6	
64.40	BPP†	245	+ 5	4.9	*
43.20	BSM†	156	- 1	5.2	12.1
27.20	Black & Edg	5			
177.50	Borland	826			
32.00	Brit Data Mgt	131	+ 6	5.2	9.2
7.80	Brooke Services†	65	..	4.3	
63.90	CRT Grp	65	+ 4½	4.4	23.3
94.80	Capita Group	173	+ 18	2.4	17.8
870.20	Chubb Sec	311	+ 10	2.6	18.1
59.30	Compr People†	242	+ 8	1.5	*
47.40	Corp Services†	85	+ 5	2.6	13.5
28.20	Coutts Consul†	61	+ 2	3.1	*
225.30	Davis Service†	220	+ 5½	4.8	13.5
8.57	Dudley Jenkins	68	..	6.2	12.9
8.37	EW Fact†	46	- 6	13.4	6.4
38.70	El Data Prc	140	..	1.8	13.7
1,251.70	Hays†	308	+ 3	2.6	18.4
120.90	Hogg Robinson	174	+ 11	5.2	11.2
481.80	ISS B Dkr	1856¾	+ 81¾	1.4	16.5
53.80	JBA Hldgs†	163	+ 6	2.6	*
125.00	Johnson Clean	253	+ 2	5.3	*
18.70	Kalamazoo	98	..	4.4	11.1
35.20	Kewill Sys	285	+ 6	3.3	10.5
2.58	Lase-Scan	16			
39.00	LBMS	179	+ 30	..	..
25.40	Lep	2¾			
219.40	Logica	355	+ 2	1.9	19.1
87.00	MOST†	87	..	9.8	18.1
21.80	MMT Comp	194	+ 9	3.4	15.4
51.90	MR Data Mngt	93	+ 3	7.4	11.5
90.70	Macro 4	418	+ 35	8.2	11.8
1,391.40	Manpower	1750	- 30¾	8.2	
102.08	Micro Focus	708	- 17	..	22.1
46.90	Microgen	119	+ 5	7.6	12.9
306.80	Misys	358	- 7	3.0	11.2
55.70	MITIE Gp	222	+ 1	1.4	22.6
12.20	Novo Group	22½	..	1.1	8.6
6.30	OIS Intl	21	..	3.8	
8.05	Orbis	26	..	8.6	
77.40	P & P†	98	+ 6	3.3	12.9
71.30	Michael Page†	119	+ 3	3.2	
54.50	Parity	130	+ 7	1.7	
10.90	Pegasus	173	+ 20	3.7	
5.17	Penna	94	..	5.3	
49.20	Proudfoot†	62	+ 1½	8.1	
27.80	RCO	280	- 3	7.7	9.5
10.80	Radius†	39	+ 1	3.4	13.5
11.50	Real Time	184	+ 7	3.0	12.5
64.50	Reed Executive	126	..	2.0	
32.90	Reliance Sec	146	..	4.3	22.2
2,516.00	Rentokil†	257	- 1	1.7	21.9
62.60	Ricardo Group†	141	..	5.3	17.6
19.80	Rolfe & Nolan	102	+ 2	3.1	25.8
201.30	Sage Gp	945	+117	1.5	20.5
775.60	Salvesen (C)	267	- 2	3.8	13.8
36.40	Sanderson Elec	92	+ 9	3.9	13.3
79.40	Select App	74	+ 1½		
359.60	Senior Gp?	386	..	1.3	*
162.20	Serco Gp	274	+ 31	1.8	22.8
79.60	Servisair†	198	+ 5	2.4	*
9.44	Shared Cmpt	133	+ 13	1.8	
56.40	Sketchley	88	- 1	4.5	14.8
5.16	Standard Plat	16¾	+ 2¾		
38.60	Stat-Plus†	184	+ 3	6.5	*
37.70	Delphi?	184	+ 31		
14.80	Vistec	12	+ ½	4.2	8.5
11.20	WSP Hldgs	48	+ 1	5.2	12.8
83.80	Wagon Howd?	268	+ 1	3.7	23.3

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
25,017.30	BT	389	+ 10½	5.4	16.5
8,915.80	Cable Wireless	406	+ 4½	2.6	16.6
62.20	Securicor	1498	..	0.3	34.2
737.20	Securicor 'A'	909	- 3	0.5	20.7
871.40	Security Serv	795	+ 2	1.9	22.2
1,280.80	Telewest	151	- 3½		
6,033.10	Vodafone	198	+ 3¾	1.9	25.6

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2.66	Albion	70	+ 1	5.7	3.7
49.70	Alexdra W	147	..	5.2	*
162.20	Allied Text	232	+ 7	3.7	14.2
2.67	Abies?	81	+ 3	12.5	25.7
1.77	Automagic	31	..		7.8
279.60	Baird (Wm)	241	..	5.0	16.1
4.80	Beckman (A)†	40	..	18.6	
130.40	Black (Peter)	235	..	2.5	13.7
11.30	Bridport-Gndry†	112	- 1	3.5	13.2
26.90	Br Mohair†	282	..	5.6	13.4
2.60	Campari	#25			
4.01	Cassidy Bros	73	+ 1	4.7	8.4
77.20	Chamo Phone?	173	- 2	5.3	22.7
175.70	Claremont Grt	323	+ 9	3.5	15.8
1,467.20	Coats Viyella†	210¾	+ 7½	5.0	14.4
474.40	Courtlds Text	485	- 1	4.9	14.4
15.50	Dalyein?	129	..	5.8	6.7
229.80	Dawson	117¾	..	3.2	*
205.60	Dewhirst (I)†	161	+ 8½	2.1	*
4.30	Dollar Hosit?	35	- 1	5.0	*
7.21	Drummond	34	+ 1	..	15.2
2.03	Ebtel	18	+ 2	..	
6.08	Faupel	52	..	11.8	6.5
57.00	Fiit?	370	+ 7	5.0	28.1
16.60	Forminster	151	..	2.7	12.7
2.13	Foster (John)	19			
10.00	French	85	..	5.3	11.6
35.10	Gent SR†	97	..	3.8	21.6
22.60	Haggas	103	+ 3½	3.8	14.2
38.80	Harlstone	12	..	3.3	
43.50	Helene Plc	22	- 1	11.4	9.1
52.00	Hickng Pntcst	223	..	2.8	15.8
31.80	Hollas†	39¾	..	3.2	
4.45	Honeysuckle	53	- 1	7.1	6.1
43.60	Horace Small▲	127	+ ½	..	10.2
19.40	Jacques Vert	204	..	3.2	8.4
5.03	Jerome (S)†	87	+ 1	2.8	7.3
62.80	Jones Stroud	363	+ 18	3.1	17.7
16.30	Lambert†	129	+ 5	6.9	*
102.60	Lamont	341	- 3	4.8	*
73.70	Leeds	249	+ 5	3.2	12.9
24.30	Leslie Wise Gp	70	..	7.6	12.6
4.51	Lyles (S)	64	..	4.9	7.2
42.60	Marling	24	+ ½	3.4	
1.92	PEX	10			
12.90	Parkland	146	+ 5	4.3	8.6
437.10	Pentland	121	- 3	3.3	18.2
12.20	Pittards†	58	- 3	4.5	15.7
129.60	Readicut	88	+ 2½	6.5	11.1
9.89	Rosmore	63	..	6.6	6.7
11.70	Richards	50	..	5.8	
2.96	SEET	74			
108.70	Sherwood Grp†	97	+ 4	4.1	*
7.71	Shiloh	133	..	3.6	
53.90	Sirdar†	100	+ 3	6.9	14.1
48.90	Stirling Gp	56	+ 1	4.4	15.5
25.80	Strong & Fisher†	15	..	8.3	11.8
15.00	UK Safety†	39	+ ½	6.3	48.5
10.70	Usher (Frank)	156	+ 17	6.5	9.1
10.10	Wensum	135	..	4.1	14.4
27.70	Yorklyde	277	+ 7	3.3	*

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.14	Air London	69	..	6.5	12.8
10,842.30	All Nippon Air	751½	+ 42	0.3	
1,096.20	Assoc Br Ports	289	+ 6	2.4	18.4
4,944.70	BAA	481	+ 7	2.4	15.4
182.40	Badgerline†	144	- 5	3.9	14.6
12.80	Berkeley Bus	48	- 4		
4,005.60	Br Airways	419	+ 18½	3.4	18.4
48.70	Central Tran R	44	+ 9		
24.60	Clarkson (H)	110	..	2.3	
70.10	Clydeport	170	+ 4	2.6	15.7
25.60	Dart	164	+ 10	3.0	15.8
108.80	Eurodollar	222	+ 4	4.8	17.4
879.90	Eurotunnel Uts	198	+ 8		
15.70	Fisher (James)†	65	..	1.9	13.6
152.70	Forth Ports†	569	+ 14	2.4	
103.90	GRT Bus†	272	- 11	2.0	
77.70	Go-Ahead	213	+ 6	2.3	23.8
125.80	Goode Durrant	238	+ 8	3.4	18.3
30.90	Intl Stewart?	183	- 2	5.3	13.6
39.90	Jacobs (J)†	54	+ 1	2.3	
52.70	Lon O'Seas Frts	72	+ 4	8.5	1.7
359.40	Mersey Docks	402	+ 6	3.3	15.3
1,186.80	NFC†	171	- 5	5.2	17.5
349.80	Nat Express	377	+ 4	2.9	
458.30	Ocean Group	297	- 4	6.0	21.9
32.30	Ocean Wilson	81	+ 6	4.9	11.7
3,503.20	P & O Bftd	580	+ 11	6.6	15.4
127.90	P & O 5.5%	152	..	3.8	
22.60	Seacon?	91	+ 2	3.3	47.8
318.20	Stagecoach	213	+ 16	2.5	21.2
514.70	TNT	98	+ 4		
229.00	Tibbet & Britten†	518	- 146	3.9	
332.30	TDG†	225	+ 2	5.3	15.1
25.50	Ugland	105	..	2.8	
37.00	Utd Carriers†	109	+ 6	5.6	

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,467.70	Anglian	493½	- 6¾	6.8	11.2
54.90	Mid Kent Hldgs	321	- 19	4.6	10.8
2,111.20	North West	583	- 3	5.3	3.0
617.70	Northumbrian	890	..	3.6	8.6
1,919.90	Severn Trent	526	- 5½	5.6	8.8
127.60	South Staffs	2280	+ 15	3.1	13.3
632.20	South West	489	- 14	6.8	7.4
1,000.60	Southern	598	+ 1	5.1	6.5
1,939.00	Thames	482	- 4	6.0	7.2
889.60	Welsh	686	- 19	5.4	8.7
730.50	Wessex	285	+ 2	6.3	7.4
1,113.80	Yorkshire	550	+ 1	5.3	8.1

Source: FinStat

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
	SHORTS (under 5 years)				
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	100[illegible]	- [illegible]	10.17	6.47
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	103	- [illegible]	12.38	6.70
770	Treas 14% 1996	104[illegible]	- [illegible]	13.35	6.73
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	107[illegible]	- [illegible]	14.18	7.08
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	105[illegible] †	- [illegible]	12.51	7.08
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	103[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	9.65	7.35
1,999	Treas 7% 1997	98[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.89	7.58
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	108[illegible]	+ [illegible]	12.18	7.52
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	104[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.02	7.53
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	102[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.58	7.71
830	Exch 15% 1997	115[illegible]	- [illegible]	12.97	7.83
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	104[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.34	7.89
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	98[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.38	7.90
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96[illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.97	7.91
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	115[illegible] xd	+ [illegible]	12.16	8.05
935	Treas 15½% 1998	121[illegible]	+ [illegible]	12.72	7.94
3,009	Exch 12% 1998	111[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	10.74	8.06
1,300	Treas 9½% 1999	104[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.09	8.04
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.80	8.11
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	108 †	+ [illegible]	9.72	8.10
6,250	Treas 6% 1999	92[illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.47	8.03
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	107[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	9.53	8.17
	MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
5,356	Conv 9% 2000	103[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.71	8.10
4,800	Treas 8% 2000	99[illegible] xd	+ [illegible]	8.05	8.10
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	119[illegible]	- [illegible]	10.88	8.25
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	107[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.29	8.26
7,200	Treas 7% 2001	93[illegible] xd	+ [illegible]	7.46	8.27
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	107[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.08	8.36
8,250	Treas 8% 2003	98[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	8.16	8.32
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	109[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.14	8.39
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.11	8.42
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	77[illegible]	+1[illegible]	4.53	6.92
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	107[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.87	8.30
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	89[illegible] xd	- [illegible]	7.51	8.29
6,400	Treas 8½% 2005	101[illegible] xd	+1[illegible]	8.38	8.31
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	107[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.84	8.38
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	123[illegible] xd	+ [illegible]	10.12	8.57
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	95[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.09	8.31
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	97[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.18	8.31
3,159	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	117[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.09	8.57
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	101[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.39	8.31
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	130[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.36	8.55
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	105[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.54	8.31
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	97[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.23	8.30
	LONGS (over 15 years)				
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	82[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	7.57	8.25
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	106[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.49	8.30
5,351	Treas 9% 2012	106[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.47	8.29
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	76	+ [illegible]	7.24	8.08
5,800	Treas 8% 2013	97[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.21	8.25
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.16	8.25
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	105[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.33	8.24
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	132[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.03	8.45
	UNDATED				
1,909	War Ln 3½%	42[illegible] xd	+ [illegible]	8.25	...
475	Treas 2½%	29[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.40	...
	INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:			10%	5%
1,300	Treas IL 2% 1996	208[illegible]	+ [illegible]	1.29	2.12
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109[illegible]	+ [illegible]	2.50	3.43
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2001	171[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.18	3.62
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2003	167[illegible] xd	+1[illegible]	3.30	3.65
1,800	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.31	3.63
1,750	Treas IL 2% 2006	175[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.40	3.65
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2009	159[illegible] xd	+2[illegible]	3.44	3.66
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	164[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.49	3.68
2,600	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.52	3.68
2,800	Treas IL 2½% 2016	144[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.55	3.71
2,900	Treas IL 2½% 2020	138[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.58	3.72
2,450	Treas IL 2½% 2024	115[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.56	3.69
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	114[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.58	3.71

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Appetite for new issues is on its way back

Trend-spotters say that there are, at last, signs of revival in the new issues market, with a number of companies planning to seek stock market quotations this summer and autumn as market conditions improve and corporate activity returns to the fore.

The recent revival in the City's taste for new issues is prompting hopes of interest from institutions and private investors. Returns on cash are still limited and the stock market has seen a partial recovery, with the FT-SE 100 index ending last week at its highest for nearly nine months.

Twenty-five new domestic issues joined the London Stock Exchange Official List last month. This was the largest monthly figure for 1995 and made 68 so far this year, against the record figure of 92 new issues in the first four months of 1994. Total proceeds for 1995 are £1.4 billion.

However, conditions for new issues are still difficult and most investors have not forgotten 1994 flops such as Aerostructures Hamble and McDonnell Information Systems. The ones that went wrong have tended to stick in the mind better than the more numerous successful floats.

Smaller companies may have outperformed the market, but there is still the odd profit warning to keep potential investors' feet on the ground. Companies seeking to float have had to trim expectations, and pricing is often cut to more realistic levels to attract sufficient institutional interest. General Cable and Albright & Wilson are two recent examples in which the initial offer price was cut.

Neil Austin, head of new issues with KPMG Corporate Finance, said that new issues will succeed only if seen to be floating for the right reasons and at the right price. "There is a normal level of demand for companies that need cash for growth. The more dubious companies seeking to float on the back of a general wave of interest have gone away, though there is still evidence of a herd instinct among some fund managers when deciding which new issues to invest in," he said.

Many companies and their institutional backers have opted for trade sales instead of flotation, even though floats tend to offer better exit prices. The trade sale route has been prompted by the experience of companies that spent much time and money preparing a float only to bale out at the last moment because of poor market conditions or unfavourable sentiment towards new issues.

Mr Austin said the Alternative Investment Market for growing companies, to be launched on June 19, is a good destination for smaller fry, but will probably attract some that should not be on a public market. "One can only hope that the good ones far outweigh the bad," he said.

The Stock Exchange is optimistic that AIM will provide an important second market. Last week, Michael Lawrence, its chief executive, estimated that Britain has 7,000 companies suited to joining. Of those, the Exchange was in contact with several thousand and in direct dealings with some 150 seeking an AIM listing.

The only concern for the new market is that it will be seen as a second-class route to quotation, a perception that the Exchange is keen to dispel even if requirements for joining AIM are rather less stringent than those for a full listing. If insufficient institutions back AIM issues and the market becomes too illiquid, or, worse, if the first few issues turn out to be disasters, the attempt to create a successor to the doomed Unlisted Securities Market could prove to be a failure.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Independent watchdog for auditors urged

BY ROBERT MILLER

COMPANY auditors should be policed by an independent watchdog to counter mounting public concern that the profession has too many conflicting interests for it to continue with the present system of self-regulation.

The controversial call comes from Ernst & Young, one of the "big six" UK accountancy firms, which today will submit a written response to the Auditing Practices Board's (APB) discussion paper, *The Audit Agenda*.

The firm says the new regulator for auditors should be armed with powers to impose heavy fines or disqualify members from practising.

In recent years, high-profile company failures, such as Polly Peck and Coloroll, have put auditors and their role in monitoring the financial health of a company firmly in the public spotlight.

So too has the growing practice of "low-balling", where an audit firm offers an exceptionally low bid to a company in order to win the business. The firms then expects to recoup the money by providing additional non-audit type services. Allister Wilson, technical partner at Ernst & Young, said yesterday that self-regulation had failed to deliver "the robust and responsive" framework necessary to give the public confidence in company auditors.

The generally held view of the present regulatory regime for auditors was of "various discrete bodies which appear to have little or no meaningful contact with each other and which reach decisions almost entirely on the basis of consensus".

Mr Wilson added that the auditing board was being "unrealistic in its belief that it can make unilaterally significant inroads into meeting ever increasing public expectations".

The first step to higher standards of regulation would be to place the APB under the auspices of the Financial Reporting Council. The chairman of this statutory body is appointed jointly by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Governor of the Bank of England.

Such a move, Ernst & Young says, would increase pressure on the DTI and the Stock Exchange "to face up to their responsibilities to address the legal and regulatory shortcomings in the present system of corporate financial reporting on which the major sources of public criticisms of the auditing profession are founded".

Mr Wilson argues that over time, a statutory watchdog for auditors could evolve into a UK securities and exchange commission, similar to the body that exists in the US. This, he said, would be a welcome move and give the UK the ability to play a leading role in influencing future proposals that may emerge for a cross-border European SEC-style body.

The tough new proposals put forward by Ernst & Young will not signal the end of spectacular company failures.

The firm says: "It needs to be more widely understood that it is not possible by any means of regulation to ensure that errors of judgment will not be made by professionals in any field. Corporate collapses will continue and many people will still allege that these are related to audit failures."

TONY WHITE

Hamish Bryce, chairman of Thorn Lighting which is sponsoring the contest

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Furniture and carpet sales taking heart

EXISTING homeowners, rather than first-time buyers, are fuelling the dramatic turnround in the fortunes of furniture and carpet stores, which saw sales fall 13 per cent in the worst years of the recession. Consumer spending on furniture has risen by more than 17 per cent in the past two years while carpet specialists clocked up sales worth £1.8 billion in 1994 according to a new report on *Furniture and Carpet Retailers*, published by Verdict Research today.

The report, which notes that demand from first-time buyers remains weak, says that MFI maintains its position as the market leader with Allied Carpets showing great improvements since the merger of Carpetland and Allied. Sir Philip Harris, who founded Carpetright in 1988 and who last year reported operating profits of £13.5 million, had opened 183 stores by the end of April with a further 30 planned during the course of the next year.

German bourse talks

THE three largest German bourses, Frankfurt, Dusseldorf and Munich, are holding talks on future co-operation, a spokesman for the Frankfurt bourse said. Such a move could produce a common registration of securities, or common clearing and settlement. Although it was unclear whether the intended co-operation was the first step toward a merger, there has been widespread speculation about the future development of the bourses. Questions have been raised about the role of the seven regional bourses, which handle some 70 per cent of German exchange turnover.

Success for small firms

AN unaccustomed picture of a small business sector enjoying economic recovery and looking forward to expansion emerges from a survey of 5,000 owner-managed businesses from Casson Beckman, the accountant. Improved confidence and clear signs of recovery, particularly rising sales, were widespread. In all, 96 per cent of respondents, with turnover of £1 million to £50 million, do not consider contraction or retrenchment would be a threat within the next three years. Recovery has been boosted mainly by export sales, led by the service sector. Your Own Business page 34

Funds turn cool on US

THE number of fund managers turning bearish on US equities has more than doubled in the past month, according to Smith New Court's May Gallup survey. The balance of managers from 86 institutions looking after funds totalling £925 billion who said that they were looking to reduce their exposure to the US has jumped to 30 per cent, from 14 per cent in April. Back in the UK, some 29 per cent of managers are preparing to increase their exposure to equities, but only 8 per cent said that they would add to their holdings in gilts.

Portugal privatises

PORTUGAL has issued the prospectus for the partial privatisation of the country's state-owned telecoms provider, a shares issue with a value of at least £520 million. Advising the sale as global co-ordinator is SG Warburg, along with Merrill Lynch, UBS and Banco Essi. The deal will be Portugal's biggest privatisation yet and will involve the sale of up to 26 per cent of the total share capital. As much as half of the shares on offer are being targeted at institutional investors around the world, with an SEC-registered offer in the US.

Hoechst in talks to resolve tax dispute

BY OLIVER AUGUST

HOECHST, the German chemicals group, has begun negotiations with the Inland Revenue to resolve a tax dispute that could cost British taxpayers hundreds of millions of pounds.

A month ago, Hoechst issued High Court writs against the Revenue, challenging the legality of advance corporation tax (ACT) levied on dividends paid by its UK subsidiary to the parent company.

Hoechst is demanding repayment of more than £25 million it has paid in ACT, citing European law in its favour.

Bob Davies, company secretary of Hoechst UK, said: "This has much wider implications. Other companies might follow us and ask for their ACT back as well."

Tax experts believe that Hoechst's case will be based on Article 7 of the Treaty of Rome, which says: "Within the scope of application of this treaty, any discrimination on grounds of nationality shall be prohibited." British firms do not pay ACT on dividends to parent companies.

If Hoechst is successful, other European Union companies with British subsidiaries could follow its example and make claims that are estimated to run into hundreds of millions of pounds.

The Inland Revenue said: "We believe the system for accounting for ACT on the payment of dividends between subsidiaries and their parent companies is fully in accordance with Community law. We will robustly defend this view if necessary."

Insurers to seek more exemptions

THE Association of British Insurers will today push the Inland Revenue for a resolution to the tax row which has erupted over the payment protection insurance market (Robert Miller writes).

Last week, the Chancellor, promised to exempt payouts made under mortgage protection policies. He said the position of other protection policies for personal loans, hire purchase and credit cards would have to be reviewed.

Stephen Devine, of Pinnacle, the specialist insurer, said: "If the exemption is not extended, the level of insurance cover will have to be reduced to keep premium prices down."

Battle for VSEL is set to resume

BY MARTIN WALLER

HOSTILITIES are set to resume this week in the two-way fight to take control of VSEL, the submarine maker, between British Aerospace and Lord Weinstock's GEC once the Department of Trade and Industry has ruled on the takeover.

At stake is a large chunk of Britain's remaining defence industry. The competing bids were referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission late last year, and the MMC report now awaits a decision from Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, expected as early as this week.

Mr Heseltine has two options, the City believes. He can clear both unconditionally, or he can impose on GEC conditions requiring the group to keep open for a fixed period VSEL's submarine-making yard at Barrow-in-Furness, a policy thought to be the view of the MMC report.

The complexity of the situation and the political implications have already led the MMC to call for a month-long extension to complete its work. Clearing both bids unconditionally would probably prompt an immediate offer from British Aerospace, analysts believe. However, if GEC is tied down with conditions and required to give undertakings to the trade department, it would be in BAe's interest to wait for the outcome of those talks.

BAe has already put in place the financing for a renewed offer, a £383 million rights issue that will be returned to shareholders if any subsequent offer fails.

Designs to update democracy

THE Houses of Parliament transferred to the derelict Battersea power station and a "virtual reality" legislature were two of the 12 futuristic entries short-listed in a competition to redesign Parliament for the next century.

The competition, open to design students, was launched by the Design Council and sponsored by Thorn Lighting Group, floated on the stock market as TLG in November. The winner will be announced at the House in a fortnight.

The finalists were asked to develop their ideas into models which were displayed at the building that inspired them. Other ideas were a beacon of light in Parliament Square, adding to the capital's skyline, and an extension to the existing House apparently inspired by the shape of the prehistoric trilobite.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.11
Austria Sch	16.62	15.12
Belgium Fr	48.78	44.46
Canada $	2.300	2.140
Cyprus Cyp£	0.748	0.693
Denmark Kr	9.34	8.54
Finland Mkk	7.40	6.75
France Fr	8.35	7.70
Germany Dm	2.37	2.16
Greece Dr	379.00	354.00
Hong Kong $	13.11	12.11
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2868	4.5368
Italy Lira	2755.00	2600.00
Japan Yen	150.00	134.00
Malta	0.600	0.545
Netherlds Gld	2.639	2.409
Norway Kr	10.59	9.79
Portugal Esc	246.00	227.50
S Africa Rd	ret.	5.43
Spain Pts	204.00	191.00
Sweden Kr	12.28	11.48
Switzerland Fr	1.96	1.78
Turkey Lira	refer	66128.0
USA $	1.710	1.580

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6009 (-0.0088)
German mark
2.1940 (-0.0301)
Exchange index
83.6 (-1.0)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2472.4 (+23.7)
FT-SE 100
3251.7 (+35.0)
New York Dow Jones
4343.40 (+22.13)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
17088.66 (+281.91)

Jon Ashworth talks to the former Lord Mayor of London

A year of banging the City's drum

Sir Paul Newall, long-standing adviser to Lehman Brothers and latterly Lord Mayor of London, has surfaced after six months in purdah to talk about his eventful year at the Mansion House. Sir Paul, who clocked up more than 50 flights and made more than 600 speeches in a hectic programme of foreign visits, has lost none of his zeal for the City's cause.

"It all seems a bit unreal now," says Sir Paul, ruminating from his chair in Lehman's offices high above Broadgate. "We tackled 15 cities in 21 days on a trip to America alone. That's a lot of one-night stands: 30 speeches, 19 aircraft movements, 60 hand-written 'thank you' notes. These things are frightfully important."

Sir Paul stepped down in November in favour of Christopher Walford after a whirlwind term that took in visits to Japan, South Korea, America and the Middle East. He survived the Ikaho hot springs near Tokyo, and took on the Hungarian fencing champion in Budapest, returning with his sabre as a trophy. "I used to be a fencer in my youth, and said I would love to meet their former Olympic sabre champion," he recalls. "Next, I was facing him on live television — the first Lord Mayor to say, 'Show me your champions! I want to take them on'."

Outgoing Lord Mayors customarily keep their heads down until the Easter Banquet to avoid stealing the thunder from their successors. "There's nothing more past than past Lord Mayors," he says. "Lord Mayors have always gone abroad to promote the country's cause."

The difference is one of emphasis — Sir Paul's theme was of London as an international financial centre — and his passion for his subject remains undulled. "The City is Britain's biggest export industry, a tremendous success story, and it is up to whoever's in the chair to carry on banging the drum."

His own spell at the drum began soon after he took office in November 1993, with a visit to Merseyside, followed in quick succession by a hop to Brussels and a marathon 18-day tour of Japan, South Korea and Saudi Arabia. While in the East, he was invited to call on the reclusive chairman of Samsung, the Korean industrial conglomerate, at his James Bond-style villa in the hills near Seoul. A few months later, Samsung announced it was moving its European headquarters back to London from Frankfurt after a seven-year absence — not that Sir Paul claims any direct credit. "I hope it helped," he says.

Sir Paul with Richard Riordan, mayor of Los Angeles

He returned to the Gulf at the end of May for a whistle-stop tour which included a meeting with the ruler of Abu Dhabi. "It was the height of the Yemen civil war, and he was trying to bring the two sides together," he recalls. John Bond, of HSBC, was among senior City figures to join him on visits to Riyadh, Dharan and Jeddah. "We were ramming home the point about London's total dominance within the time zone in all matters financial." Trips to Northern Ireland, America and Hungary followed.

The City's influence, he says, extends far beyond the Square Mile, attracting £60 billion in inward investment to Britain over the past decade. "Other cities around the world would give their eye teeth to get our business."

There were lessons in the Barings debacle, Sir Paul believes. "It underlines, surely, the danger of managing risk from more than one centre. Barings will probably benefit the City in the long-term."

Despite his silence, Sir Paul has been keeping busy. He has returned to the fold at Lehmans, with whom he has a 33-year association, and was recently made a non-executive director of Guardian Royal Exchange. He has become an honorary colonel in the London Regiment of the Territorial Army, and is writing a book about Japan and the City of London. "The Japanese are very good employers here," he says. "They are very conscious of history, old friendships and old links." We have not heard the last of him.

The Scottish Provident Institution

The 157th Annual General Meeting of members of the Scottish Provident Institution will be held on Tuesday, 30 May 1995 at 12 noon in the Head Office, 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, to consider the Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors, to elect Directors, to determine the remuneration of the Directors and to re-elect the Auditors.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from this address.

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Being unpopular does not make you right

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Readers of *The Times* on Friday may have made a link between two stories on the front page. One recorded shocking government electoral losses. A smaller item revealed that the Cabinet had approved privatisation of nuclear power and was likely to announce it this week. Also due this week is a Commons debate that will focus on the closure or merger of internationally famous London hospitals. Could there be a connection?

Opposition parties live on principles. A Government constantly has to make choices, on the run, between imperfect options. The devil is in the detail. After so long in office, however, the present Cabinet seems to see positive virtue in unpopular economic and industrial measures. This mindset was evident in the reaction of leading Conservatives to their poor local election showing. The common theme was that ministers had failed to convince the public that they were right.

Voters are not, however, always wrong or in need of persuasion, even if the universal desire for lower taxes and more spending on public services might suggest that to the sophisticates of Whitehall. It is a bit fatuous for a Government that is convinced of the virtues of consumer choice and free markets to reject that when it comes to detailed political choices. If people make rational decisions, at least for them, as individual consumers, they need not automatically behave like unthinking children when public choices have to be made. Some American free-marketeers have constructed theories arguing that people combine private wisdom with public stupidity. Government's duty is therefore to make the right choice for them by cutting public spending and taxes, thereby also making more of the future choices private. Such thoughts are dangerous for politicians who cannot deliver on taxes.

In Britain, it is easy to see how unpopularity came to seem a good thing to the Cabinet. Anti-inflation programmes are rarely popular unless a country has been ruined by hyper-inflation. The monetarist recession of 1980-81 was almost universally damned. On balance, the shake-out was good for the long-term health of the economy. The same thinking was therefore applied to the next recession and the present anti-inflation drive.

The privatisation programme entrenched this mentality. Ministers argue that each big privatisation was unpopular before it happened, but that few voters would now wish to return to state-run steel or even to a state telephone monopoly.

The post-1989 anti-inflationary programme has not, however, been a great success. Gains on inflation have been made at high cost, evident in living standards and job insecurity. Ministers appear to have been in thrall to economic ideas they did not fully understand. Deep recessions are extremely costly, especially when the state has to support increased poverty, and its finances go to pot. Needlessly high interest rates are rightly unpopular.

Equally, few would argue that all utility privatisations have proved universally popular. British Gas, in its early days, took an arrogant attitude to industrial users just as service to private customers was improving. Investment in water might have cost consumers less, at least in the initial stages, if the industry had been privatised on a different model that did not accent profit maximisation. Ministers have reacted by applying economic theory. Competition will cure the ills. Hence the hybrid privatisation of electricity, the unpopular reforms of gas and now the splintering of British Rail.

Economics is not, however, as dismal a discipline as ministers seem so keen to prove. It teaches, for instance, that people are often better off making the best of the system they have, than trying to move to a theoretically ideal one. A toughly regulated British Gas may be better for consumers and producers than switching to a theoretically competitive market. The comfortable choices that people usually prefer — the popular options — can be the best.

To their own astonishment, ministers failed even to convince all their backbenchers, let alone the public, that most of the Post Office should move into the private sector. This is unfortunate if, as Post Office managers claim, being in the private sector is vital to the organisation's future. It does not mean the public was wrong. The Post Office now performs quite well in the public sector. Ordinary consumers feared that the change would lead to a model of competition and profit maximisation that would drive out some loss-making services they want to keep.

The Cabinet is well aware that selling nuclear power — again at the behest of management — is also likely to be unpopular. Hence the sweetener of ending the nuclear levy early. Again, it is foolish to assume that people make the wrong public choices. In other industries, separating public regulation from private operation has brought better standards than the state regulating itself. But state nuclear power has operated safely. Scottish voters, who fear that merging their nuclear generator with Nuclear Electric will cost high-technology jobs north of the border, may well be right. These and other issues could make nuclear privatisation a vote loser.

The Cabinet might, instead, focus on the unusually high profits of regional electricity distributors. If these were applied to reducing prices, as suggested in today's paper from the CRI, consumers would be happy. If redundant cash was used to help consumers buy costlier energy-saving appliances, and cheap insulation packages, consumers would be happier, environmental worriers would be happier and there would be more work for producers. Popular preferences can, and often do, make economic sense.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Wanted: a lady of some note

THE hunt is on at the Royal Bank of Scotland for a person of distinction to adorn its next £1 bank note. The bank is the only one in Scotland still to issue £1 notes since The Bank of Scotland and The Clydesdale stopped a few years ago. In addition to its standard note portraying the Bank's first governor, Lord Ilay, it has previously issued two commemoratives. In 1992 for the European Summit in Edinburgh, and last December on the centenary of Robert Louis Stevenson's death. The rumour is that the new subject could well be a Scottish lady. "We certainly won't have Robbie Burns," said a spokesman stiffly. The reason? Rival Clydesdale Bank commemorates the poet on its £5 note.

Money to burn

A WASHINGTON pressure group wants to know why over the past six months the US Government has allocated $37,000 to learn how many eyelashes the average person loses in one day, $21,743 to find out whether blonde or brunette prostitutes attract more clients, and $204,908 for a phone survey to find out if phone surveys work.

Going places

THE notion is growing at Coopers & Lybrand that to go far, you must come from Liverpool. John Jeffrey, the firm's senior partner there, is off to Warsaw to lead Coopers' expansion in Poland, where he will be responsible for 700 staff in five offices. Tom Jenkins, another Liverpool partner, is advising Belarus on national banking, tax manager John Forbes is leading the St Petersburg tax practice, and John Ferrebe is advising Belarus and the Ukraine on tax systems and is training tax inspectors.

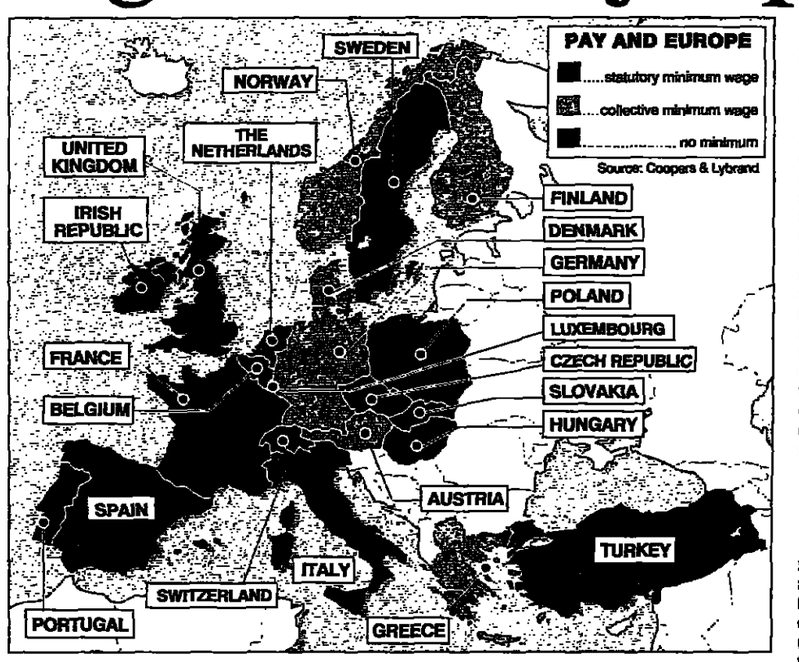
Dedicated

ANDREW LAMBERT from People in Business, the management consultant, was interrupted not once, but twice in ten minutes by a fire alarm and a general evacuation while teaching a case study on a City merger to an MBA class at the University of Westminster Business School. Not to be put off, he reassembled his students in the bandstand of nearby Ashland Place Gardens — attracting "various passers-by, inquisitive pigeons and tramps".

COLIN CAMPBELL

A minimum wage is again on the agenda. **Philip Bassett** reports

Fixing a fair day's pay



Business leaders do not like it. Nor does the Government. But as business starts to adjusts to the prospect of a potential Labour government, it is increasingly clear that one of the changes it would have to face is a key shift in policy over industry: the introduction of a statutory national minimum wage.

Backed up by business, the Government will make the national minimum wage in the run-up to the general election and in the poll campaign itself a central plank in its attack on Labour. To ministers such as Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, the minimum wage is the worst aspect of old Labour: a trade union-driven policy that will distort the market, lose jobs and damage the economy.

Beyond that, Conservative strategists believe the minimum wage to be one of Labour leader Tony Blair's weak spots. They recall him on television during the 1992 election, being unable to come up with an answer to a hairdresser pressing him on which of her staff she should sack in order to raise the wages she paid to meet a statutory minimum.

They believe Mr Blair to be uncomfortable with a minimum wage, and will try to exacerbate that perceived discomfort by bringing forward new claims of the millions of jobs they say it will destroy.

Business leaders will largely support that view. As *The Times* reports today, the CBI will come out strongly against the minimum wage next week. But their opposition to a minimum wage may be undercut by the fact that some of the companies they might count on for backing, such as the large supermarket chains, are largely unconcerned about the minimum wage because their employees' pay and conditions are above any of the projected minimum pay levels.

For their part, pro-minimum wage union leaders are equally suspicious of Mr Blair and some of his key advisers on the issue. They believe the Labour leadership to be backsliding on what they see is clear and hard-won policy of a national minimum set initially at half male median earnings.

That suspicion will be heightened still further today by the publication by Harriet Harman, Labour's Shadow Employment Secretary, of research, drawn by Labour from the House of Commons Library as well as other independent and union sources, looking at the extent and operation of the minimum wage in major developed economies.

Labour's research is backed up by a study from Coopers & Lybrand, the management consultant, which looks at employment regulations in 23 countries across Europe — and finds statutory minimum wages in place in 13 of them, with minima negotiated collectively in a further 6, making 19, or four-fifths, in all.

Ms Harman insists that her study is simply part of Labour's preparation for government. But the research may deftly mark a significant shift in Labour thinking which will alarm the pro-minimum trade unions, such as Unison and the TGWU transport workers, which want the Labour leader to declare a minimum wage figure as soon as possible and, in any case, before the election.

What Ms Harman's researches claim to show is that in those countries which take account of key economic indicators when they set minimum wages, such as Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Portugal and Japan, most take account of changes in their prices indices rather than in the level of average earnings.

Carefully, she draws no conclusions from this. But others will: and the conclusions are both clear and may move on in a significant manner the internal Labour debate on the minimum wage — which will eventually play out in a direct way for business in terms of its costs.

Labour leaders now believe that though an important electoral commitment, the minimum wage must be introduced in a way that is both flexible and relates closely to economic circumstances at the time.

Pro-minimum wage unions and Labour MPs believe that what this means in reality is a lower rate than the £4.15 an hour they say the current policy formula of half male median earnings indicates.

What Labour leaders are likely to draw from Ms Harman's findings, though, is that the practical application of a minimum wage policy by the countries which carry it out rests not on earnings at all, but on prices — on what people need to live.

For those in the Labour leadership wary about the electoral and jobs impact of applying the current minimum wage formula, the advantages of such practical examples are obvious.

First, it would provide in their terms the best possible, least painful and least opposable way of moving away from the current formula. For them, shifting to a price rather than earnings-based formula would in one move all but end the argument about £4.15 or not, and because of the immediacy of price volatility would make almost unanswerable the case for leaving setting the actual level of a statutory minimum as late as possible.

Secondly, by avoiding linking a minimum level to average earnings it would go a long way towards undercutting the pay differentials argument — the notion that as a consequence of setting a pay floor, wage levels for higher-paid workers would ratchet up.

As well as easing the worries of such unions as the AEEU engineering workers, some in the Labour leadership believe that the point would help to reduce the impact of business and Conservative opposition to the statutory minimum, much of which is based on the wage cost and job impact of pay differentials.

In addition to any such moves, other internal labour movement steps on the statutory minimum are also holding out the prospect of shifts which will be helpful to those in the party leadership wanting a more flexible approach.

When John Monks, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, announced in the spring that the TUC is to set a specific target figure for a minimum wage it was seen as a clear clash with Mr Blair. But the reality behind the move is more subtle. In advance of a conference on the issue in July, the TUC's leadership is putting forward a near-bewildering range of possible minimum earnings levels. Using the half-median formula, TUC analysis comes up with as many as 22 different pay figures, ranging rom £3.19 to £4.15.

If the TUC's unions manage to reach agreement on a figure — and some in the TUC believe that such a discussion could lead to agreement on a figure lower than £4.15 of perhaps £3.60, or even lower — then the same unions could hardly then stage the same fight within the Labour Party. And if they could not agree on a more "realistic" level, then for the Labour leadership that would both be the TUC's problem, rather than the party's, and would also have the benefit of demonstrating properly the real level of feeling around the argument and so the accurate measure of its political difficulty.

At a time when the TUC and Mr Blair are striving hard to chalk out new and different boundaries between themselves, the TUC can hardly be seen to be doing Labour's work for it. And in any case, offering unions the opportunity of setting a specific minimum wage level might lead to a reinforcement of the current formula and £4.15 figure, not an amelioration of it.

How this manoeuvering pans out will be crucial for British business. Business leaders know privately that Labour's continuing political advance means that even as they declare they do not want a minimum wage, they have to start planning to accommodate one. So how it is fixed, and what its level may then be, is likely to be as important for business as it is for the political parties, the trade unions and the low-paid.

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The base rate line of uncertainty

GILT-EDGED

The gilt-edged market faces two major questions after the decision to leave base rates unchanged and the local authority elections of last week. Why did the authorities not raise them? How much more political risk premium needs to be built into gilt yields?

Had base rates risen, those teenage scribblers looking for glory would have been willing to call a peak in rates. They will now say that the lack of action could backfire, meaning that rates will have to go higher than would otherwise have been the case. The authorities had been seen as being pre-emptive, but now they have risked losing credibility. Why have they taken this risk?

First, they may believe that base rates are high enough. Second, nearly everyone was looking for a rate rise, but tactically the authorities may see advantages in keeping the markets guessing. Third, political considerations may have influenced the decision which, if true, would be very damaging for the gilt-edged market.

The decision was finely balanced, but the risk is still tilted in favour of at least one more rate rise. There remains some doubt about whether growth has slowed enough, with the official figures indicating that in the first quarter the economy grew at an annualised rate of 3.2 per cent — well above trend. Even if growth slows in the near term, price pressures will not subside quickly — inflation tends to lag the cycle in activity and pay settlements are creeping up alongside the headline RPI. Moreover, the minutes of monthly monetary meetings have shown Mr George continually taking a cautious stance, and he is likely to veer towards risking growth rather than risking inflation.

It was these factors which made the decision to hold rates such a surprise, though it should be borne in mind that we have had no experience of Mr George agreeing to a base rate cut in this new environment of a quasi-independent Bank of England.

The political backdrop cannot be ignored. In the first place, there have been fears that the Conservatives may take chances with economic policy in order to win votes; and in the second place, after 16 years of Conservative rule investors are bound to be nervous about the possibility of a change in government. The first set of fears have been reinforced, but the risk of being found out surely is too great. If Mr George did ask for a rate rise and Mr Clarke over-ruled him, then the pound, gilts and equities are all vulnerable to a sharp sell-off. The second set of fears may be overdone.

Worries about the change in government are exaggerated, but worries over what the Conservatives might do to win votes have been intensified by last week's events. Increased uncertainty over what might be guiding monetary policy is obviously negative for the gilt market. The Treasury says there is no change in policy, but it would have been more helpful if Mr Clarke had said Mr George was in accord with him rather than the markets waiting six weeks to see the Bank of England's view.

This Thursday's Inflation Report from the Bank of England will provide more clues as to whether they see monetary policy exerting the right degree of tightness to keep inflation on track to meet the 2.5 per cent effective target ceiling. If the uncertainty over last week's decision is removed, then gilt yields of 8.35 per cent at ten years look very good value against a base rate of 6.75 per cent nearing its peak. Until the uncertainty is removed, however, gilts look a dangerous bet.

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RADIO CHOICE

The sound of banned music

The Petrillo File. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

Thank you, Bob Holness. I now know why nearly all my American-made 78s recorded in the early 1940s had no orchestral backing. A 27-month war was waged against the recording companies by musicians' union boss James Caesar Petrillo. He demanded from the companies the royalties he planned to distribute among those instrumentalists made jobless by the juke-box craze that swept the country. His demand was scorned, so he stopped the music. Cunning were the tricks thought up to get round the ban. Pop idols such as Sinatra, Dick Haymes and Judy Garland were backed by singing groups intoning "oooh-oooh-aaagh!" and sounding uncannily like musical instruments. The double-basses, for example, were actually human basses.

Scars on the Landscape? *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

With a nice turn of phrase you would expect from a seasoned writer such as Leslie Thomas, the bricks, cement and concrete reminders of the last war that still litter Britain are described as "slightly abashed memorials". Some, like the pill-box and attendant anti-tank blocks in Bridgwater, Somerset, are relics that have long outlived their usefulness except as time capsules. Others have earned a new lease of life. Surrey has a pill-box that has become a winter home for bats and a haven for spiders. And there is a drill-hall in London where killing skills were once perfected; now it is a theatre.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Dave Pearce **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Bruce Dickinson Rock Show **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** *Pause for Thought* **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Chris Stuart **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Martin Kelner **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** Whodunnit? **9.00** The Petrillo File; Sax Choice **10.00** Coasting with Noakes **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck with Katie Derham **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** The Tuesday Match **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Meah, Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (**MW only**: Off the Shelf **5.45** On Screen) **6.00** News **6.30** What's News? (**MW only**: Europe) **6.45** On the Move (**MW only**: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Beethoven **8.00** News **8.15** Health **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Emblems **9.00** News (**MW only**: News in German) **9.10** Faith (**MW only**: News in German) **9.15** Concert **10.00** News **10.15** Game, Set and Match **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30pm** Oliver Twist **1.00** News (**MW only**: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** Dear Diary **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Development (**MW only**: News in German) **4.45** Health (**MW only** News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Concert **6.00** Business **6.15** What's News? **6.30** World Today (**MW only**: News in German) **6.45** Sport (**MW only**: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Let's Do The Show Right Here **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Meridian **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Country **Midnight** News **12.15am** Music **12.15** Anything Goes **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** What's News? **1.45** Britain **2.00** News **2.15** On Screen **2.30** Music **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Andy Kershaw **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Discovery

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Reports **7.00** Opera Guide **8.00** Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Running the Country — Policing **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor **7.05** *Handel Handbook*: Handel (Recorder Sonata in A, Op 1 No 4): **7.20** Chopin (Etudes, Op 25 Nos 10-12): François Couperin (Magnificat): Prokofiev (Overture on Hebrew Themes, Op 34); Pärt (The Beatitudes); Dvořák (Piano Quintet in A, Op 5)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Fauré. Including Poème d'un jour; Barcarolle No 1 in A minor; Nocturne No 4 in E flat; Les roses d'Ispahan; Piano Quartet No 2 in G minor
10.00 Musical Encounters, from Glasgow with Mary Miller. **10.15** Britten, arr McPhee (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge); Gabriela Ortiz (Concerto Candela); **11.10** Rimsky-Korsakov (Three Songs for children's chorus); **11.25** *Artist of the Week*: Jaime Laredo, violin, Mendelssohn (String Quintet in A, Op 18)
12.00 Ensemble: Arensky (Suite No 1 in F for two pianos); Rachmaninov (Cello Sonata in G minor, Op 19); Bortkiewicz (Preludes, No 7 in F sharp; No 8) (r)
1.00pm Fairest Isle: BBC Festival of Brass. The BNFL Band under Richard Evans. Judith Bingham (Four Minute Mile); John McCabe (Salamander); Michael Ball (Cortège); Percy Fletcher (An Epic Symphony); Philip Sparke (Harmony Music)
2.00 Schools: Playtime **2.15** Time to Move **2.35** Ghostwriter **2.45** Le Club
3.00 Advance Guard: Martin Cotton surveys the early festivals of the International Society for Contemporary Music and the British works performed there, including Gershwin's *An American in Paris*
5.00 The Music Machine: The composer Judith Weir and the Lindsay Quartet try to compose a string quartet
5.15 In Tune: Poulenc (Deux marches et un intermède); Chopin (Scherzo in B flat minor, Op 31); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish); Dukas (Fanfare, La péri)
7.30 Friendly Masters. Elizabeth Leonskaya, piano, Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, under Vaclav Neumann. Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat) Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G)
9.05 Fairest Isle: Dear Bill, Dearest Liz. The correspondence of William Alwyn and Elisabeth Lutyens
9.25 Music for Two Pianos: Pierre Laurent Aimard and Florent Boffard, pianos, Stravinsky (Agon), Ligeti (Monument, Selbstporträt, Bewegung); Debussy (En blanc et noir); Boulez (Structures, Book II) (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Michele Roberts reports on a novel history of the cinema
11.30-12.30am Music Restored: French sacred music by Sébastien de Brossard and Marc-Antoine Charpentier
1.00-1.30 Night School: Primary RE: Islam

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing Incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Story: Call Girl, by Russel Hoban (r) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: *0171-580 4444*
10.00-10.30 News; Scars on the Landscape? (FM only): See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 From Plato to the Present (LW only): Montaigne
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 States of Mind: All In the Mind. Professor Anthony Clare travels to Prague to see how mental health care is changing under capitalism
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Dare Brehan
12.25pm Quote . . . Unquote: Sir David Hunt, Dr Rosalind Miles, Dr David Starkey and June Whitfield join Nigel Rees for the quotation quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: An After Life. Kate Buffery stars as a widow. With Sinol Jenkins and Peter Yapp
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes: Richard Baker talks to Trevor Ford and Adrian Event
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: On the eve of a series of five concerts at the Barbican, the cellist Yo Yo Ma talks and plays; and Gill Pyrah talks to the author Kazuo Ishiguro
4.45 Short Story: De Rerum Natura: Sean Campion reads John Banville's tale
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Jon Sopel **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House: Fourth episode of Christopher Lee's six-part political satire. With Julian Glover, Peter Kelly, Isla Blair, Christopher Benjamin and Sheila Reid (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: A new series of the programme that reports on issues and important events at home and abroad
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 The Network: Alun Lewis looks into the problems software companies encounter while trying to protect their copyright
9.00 In Touch, presented by Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Cheri. Jane Lapotaire reads the first episode of Colette's classic story of a love affair between a middle-aged woman and a younger man. Translated by Roger Senhouse and abridged by Janya Chambers
11.00 Medlumwave (r)
11.30 Derek Cooper's Necessary Pleasures (FM only): Derek Cooper travels to Wales to meet some butter-makers (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00-12.45am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.45** As World Service (LW only)

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Tears and cheers on a day to remember

Matthew Bond

First, a confession. Despite my devotion to the arduous duty of spending long hours slumped in front of the television, last night, I am afraid to say, I deserted my post. Following the example set by two young Princesses 50 years ago, I too slipped out into the night to join the celebrating crowds.

Quite what persuaded me to swap the familiar, front-room fug for the fresh air of Hyde Park, I'm not sure. Was it the sight of Princess Margaret happily banging her fist on a royal sofa in **Memories of VE-Day** (BBC 1) as she recalled how she and her sister added the words "and the Queen" to the crowd's chant of "We want the King"?

Was it the sight of that Queen — now the Queen Mother — on the same balcony at Buckingham Palace half a century later? Well, it might have been until an over-excited Bob Holness all but robbed us, and **The Day Peace Broke Out** (BBC 1), of one of the celebration's great moments by gabbling over both the royal fanfare and the Queen Mum's entrance? What did he expect her to do? Bounce on to the balcony shouting: "I'll have a V please, Bob." People have been sent to the Tower for less.

But whatever the spur, you know that when even the sight of Grant Mitchell in his regimental blazer in *EastEnders* is bringing a tear to the eye, it's time for a change of scene. With only *Call Up the Stars* to come (not so much rolling out the barrel as scraping it) Hyde Park beckoned.

Until then the BBC had done a superb job of capturing the changing moods of an event that was part-Remembrance Sunday, part-Royal Wedding and — courtesy of the omni-present Vera Lynn — part-Last Night of the Proms. Like Remembrance Sunday, it had me regularly dabbing the eyes for unexpectedly spilt tears. Like Royal Weddings, it had me regularly dabbing the carpet for unexpectedly spilt drinks. And, like The Last Night of the Proms, it occasionally had me bobbing up and down to see if there was something just a little less embarrassing on the other side.

The extent of the BBC's effort was awesome. Never in the history of televised state occasions can so much have been recollected by so many. Personal anecdote followed personal anecdote, each one a little history lesson amid a sea of little history lessons. *The Day Peace Broke Out* followed the by now established VE-Day format, with John Tusa in Hyde Park linking live and archive footage together with impressive ease.

Down at Buckingham Palace, Jill Dando and Tom Fleming worked well together, labouring valiantly to bring a little dignity to proceedings that were always in danger of turning into a cross between a circus and the Eurovision Song Contest. They did not labour in vain — thanks to a director who eventually faded Holness's microphone down.

Earlier, Princess Margaret had got the day off to a rather more orderly start. Responding to the gentle coaxing of Richard Astbury, she visibly warmed to her task of recalling the events of 50 years ago. That famous evening excursion with her sister was not the egalitarian exercise it at first appeared, we learnt. "We waited so long that eventually we sent someone in inside to say 'we're outside... would you mind coming out on the balcony'." Her parents duly obliged.

"Did you dress up?" asked Astbury, with an impressive display of faux naivety. "No, the great thing was not to be recognised," obliged the Princess. "So we rather dressed down."

My favourite anecdote, however, concerned Churchill's desperate search for an ashtray before he joined the Royal Family on the balcony. "Such beautiful manners," muttered the Princess. Indeed — history would not have been the same if the great man had simply sauntered out and lobbed a cigar-butt over the balcony.

Her parents, she recalled, held the East Enders in enormous affection: "Yes — they're wonderful people." Quite what they would have made, however, of the goings-on at the Queen Vic in **EastEnders** (BBC 1) remains one of the great VE-Day mysteries — along with Cliff Richard. Basically, Arthur averted yet another mid-life crisis by organising a street party. Peggy gave us her rendition of Vera Lynn (but thankfully not *A Nightingale Sang in Albert Square*) and Ethel recalled halibuts she had known. Hyde Park definitely beckoned.

But before joining the throng, I did have a few minutes to dip into **Carry on QE2** (BBC 2) and what a joy it was. Whoever scheduled it for VE-Night had a wicked sense of humour and will be doing well not to join Holness in the Tower. With the entire nation swept up on a wave of patriotism there could be no more powerful time to remind us of that ill-fated refit to that emblem of maritime nationhood, the *QE2*. A refit, as the commentary pointed out, carried out in the same Hamburg shipyard that built the *Bismarck* and more than 250 U-boats.

Tempting as it must have been, however, the film managed to avoid being dragged into the old "we may have won the war, but we lost the peace" argument. Instead it let the pictures and passengers tell the story of one of the greatest cock-ups in corporate history. John Olsen, the beleaguered Cunard chairman, was clearly a man more in the Nelsonian tradition than Churchillian. "I see no chaos," was his response to the chaos that surrounded him, corridors littered with matresses, cabins ankle-deep in dirty water. A man not waving, but drowning in a sea of bad publicity.

BBC1

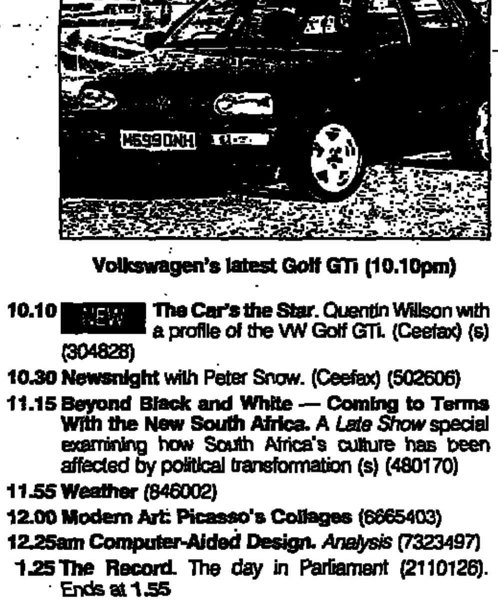
6.00 Business Breakfast (27606)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10092373)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (1367199)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7271606) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (1423538)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen from, for today, St Peter Port in Guernsey (s) (4110002)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9981170) **12.05 *Pebble Mill.*** Gloria Hunniford welcomes *Golden Girl* Rue McClanahan and *'Allo 'Allo* star Gorden Kaye (s) (5079267) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15406422)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (20644) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (29355688) **1.50 Going for Gold** with the affable Henry Kelly (s) (25755624)
2.15 Columbo. The shabby sleuth investigates the murder of a yacht-building businessman. Starring Peter Falk, Robert Vaughn and Wilfrid Hyde-White. Directed by Patrick McGoohan. (Ceefax) (459354)
3.50 Monty (s) (3164644) **3.55 Fieval's American Tails** (r) (s) (1278373) **4.20 Watt on Earth** (r) (s) (7990286) **4.35 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1023151)
5.00 Newsround. (Ceefax) (9501248) **5.10 The Lowdown.** A report on children watching television worldwide (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5622286)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (433422)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (977)
6.30 Regional news magazines (557)
7.00 The Good Food Show Appetiser. Juliet Morris and Will Hanrahan preview a new food magazine (s) (539606)
7.15 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (880441)

Paul Gross and David Marciano (7.45pm)

7.45 NEW **Due South** (583267)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3903)
9.30 What Did You Do in the War, Auntie? The second of two films about the BBC's role during the Second World War. (Ceefax) (s) (91625). **Wales:** Week In Week Out (54064) 10.00 What Did You Do in the War, Auntie? (3996) 11.00 Film: In a Stranger's Hand (95688) 12.30am-1.55 Film: Weekend of Shadows (7775316)
10.30 FILM: In a Stranger's Hand (1991) starring Robert Urich and Megan Gallagher. A thriller about the search for a missing girl that leads a businessman and the girl's mother into a web of murder, conspiracy and child theft. Directed by David Greene (59460). **Northern Ireland:** Greenfingers 11.00 Film: In a Stranger's Hand 12.35am-1.30 Beverly Craven
12.00 FILM: Weekend of Shadows (1978) starring John Waters and Melissa Jaffer. Australian drama about an immigrant farmhand suspected of killing a farmer's wife. Directed by Tom Jeffrey (4771923)
1.25am Weather (4717590)

BBC2

6.20 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) and signing) (7355538)
8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sir Bernard Ingham (s) (3736480)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1434644) **2.00** Hairy Jeremy (12328286) **2.05** Philbert the Frog (12327557)
2.10 At the Risk of Our Lives. The first of a three-part series about the early explorers of New Zealand begins with Ernst Diffenbach, a political refugee from Germany, who arrived in the Antipodes in 1839 (9581118)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (s) (6172083) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3161557)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (S) (170) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook.** Innovative recipes (s) (354)
5.00 Esther. Studio discussion series (s) (6996)
5.30 Catchword with Paul Coia (s) (606)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. (s) (973606)
6.25 Heartbreak High. Drama series about the pupils of an Australian inner-city school. (Ceefax) (s) (119373)
7.10 NEW **The Ren and Stimpy Show.** Animated adventures of a Chihuahua and his feline friend (s) (540712)
7.30 East. Why are there so few Asians in the British Armed Forces? (Ceefax) (s) (593)
8.00 **Taking Liberties: Joanne's Story.** (Ceefax) (s) (5880)
8.30 NEW **Tracks.** Countryside magazine series. (Ceefax) (s) (4915)
9.00 Fist of Fun. Comedy lifestyle series. (Ceefax) (s) (8335)
9.30 Meat. Derek Cooper investigates the claim that chicken is a healthy food. (Ceefax) (s) (202809)



Volkswagen's latest Golf GTi (10.10pm)

10.10 NEW **The Car's the Star.** Quentin Willson with a profile of the VW Golf GTi. (Ceefax) (s) (304828)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (502606)
11.15 Beyond Black and White — Coming to Terms With the New South Africa. A *Late Show* special examining how South Africa's culture has been affected by political transformation (s) (480170)
11.55 Weather (846002)
12.00 Modern Art: Picasso's Collages (6665403)
12.25am Computer-Aided Design. *Analysis* (7323497)
1.25 The Record. The day in Parliament (2110126). Ends at 1.55

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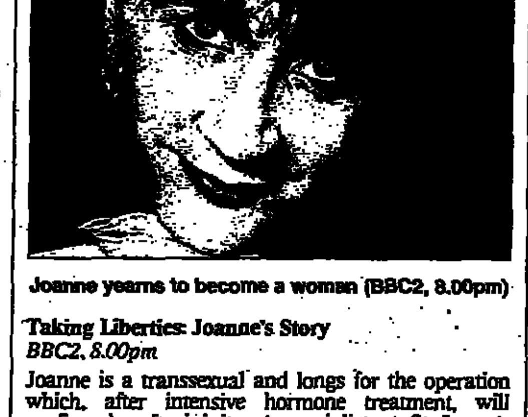
CHOICE

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9pm

Mondrian — Through the Keyhole could have told us much about the interesting abstract painter Piet Mondrian. Instead, presenter Nicholas Ward-Jackson has opted for a pseudish panel of "experts" (a style editor, a clinical psychologist, and a Russian orthodox priest, for heaven's sake) to dissect the Dutch trailblazer's personality in terms of his geometric studies. Myfanwy Piper, who knew Mondrian in the Paris of the 1930s, lends some dignity and insight to the proceedings. Part two concludes Pete McCarthy's "bloody" trilogy with *Bloody Old People.* But apart from a slightly few embarrassed concessions to his chosen theme — that which annoys him — this is a sympathetic exploration of the perils of old age.



Joanne yearns to become a woman (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Taking Liberties: Joanne's Story
BBC2, 8.00pm

Joanne is a transsexual and longs for the operation which, after intensive hormone treatment, will confirm her femininity. A specialist at St James's Hospital, Leeds, nursed her through the initial physical and mental traumas but then — when she was convicted of stealing women's clothes — deserted her. Joanne went to a men's prison for two years and ended up in its hospital — "The dirtiest, most embarrassing place I've ever seen". Suicide was on the cards but she survived, came out and, accompanied by the film crew, attempted to corner the doctor who "trained me to be a woman but who has now left me in limbo". He refused to speak to her or to camera.

Due South
BBC1, 7.45pm

For *Northern Exposure* and even *Twin Peaks* addicts — just compare the hero here with the squeaky-clean coffee lover there — *this* is a fresh-faced Canadian series with just the right touch of absurdity. Mountie Benton Fraser (Paul Gross) also owes something to *Crocodile Dundee*: he is an innocent colonial whose idea of big city sophistication is Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. However, to avenge his father's murder, he takes on a mob of heavies in Chicago and wins — simply by being straight as an arrow, kind to old ladies and, it has to be said, an unreal product of yesteryear (or a typical Canadian, perhaps). David Marciano plays the dodgy Chicago cop whose astonished admiration for the Mountie converts even him onto the paths of righteousness.

Network First: Last Letters Home
ITV, 10.40pm

Producer Tamasin Day-Lewis has struck — perhaps accidentally — an unnerving chord running through many of the moving "last letters" sent by their young writers in the Armed Forces: almost without exception these sailors, soldiers and airmen appear to have known that they were going to be killed. More than one letter is written in the past tense, but none is bitter — not even that of the conscientious objector who found reason to change his mind. The Second World War was indeed a "letter writing war" and the nine exceptional stories that unfold tonight are accompanied by tears, even now, as the mothers, sisters, brothers, sweethearts and a daughter shyly reread their letters for us. **Elizabeth Cowley**

CARLTON

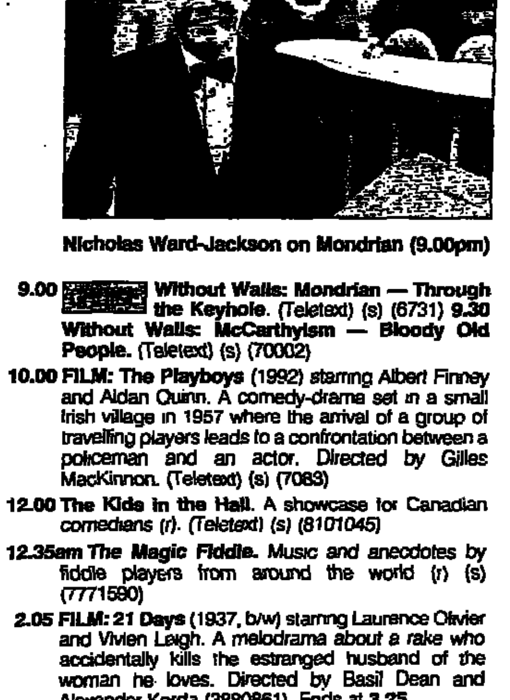
6.00am GMTV (4732002)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (8693828) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1411793)
10.00 The Time... the Place (s) (5007828)
10.35 This Morning (86134880) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9987354)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7664712)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (7672731) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (16380267) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (38800593)
2.20 Vanessa: In Love With Your Teacher. (Teletext) (s) (20445915) **2.50 Dogs with Dunbar.** Ian Dunbar explains what causes dogs to bite (2898373) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (3022147) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4472688)
3.30 Allsorts (r) (s) (5221354) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (5131511) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (r) (s) (9731575) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (r) (s) (7905118) **4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island** (Teletext) (s) (2987422) **4.40 Finders Keepers** (Teletext) (s) (4086170)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (1765199)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (707644)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (606422)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (373)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (625)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (3286)
7.30 Londoners at War: A Schindler Survivor. In the last of three programmes commemorating the 50th anniversary of VE-Day, Victor Dortheimer, one of the Jews saved by Oskar Schindler, embarks on a remarkable journey of remembrance to Poland, Czechoslovakia and Israel. (Teletext) (s) (809)
8.00 The Bill: Memorial. Demolition day arrives for a high-rise estate. (Teletext) (9606)
8.30 My Good Friend. Comedy starring George Cole and Richard Pearson. (Teletext) (s) (1441)
9.00 Peak Practice: Life and Soul starring Amanda Burton and Kevin Whately. (Teletext) (s) (5977)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (51489)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (281731)

Pat's father was killed in action (10.40pm).

10.40 **Network First: Last Letters Home** (Teletext) (278002)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (578809)
12.40am FILM: Hot Pursuit (1987) starring John Cusack and Wendy Gazelle. A student is ambushed by a gang of hijackers and thrown into jail. Directed by Steven Lisberger (s) (265403)
2.20 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (5265132)
2.45 The Beat (s) (592687)
3.45 America's Top Ten (s) (24322107)
4.10 The Forum Presents Herbie Mann (r) (16717229)
4.30 Videofashion. A look at this year's autumn collections from Iceberg, Gucci, Moschino, Versace and Byblos (88768)
5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (44836)
5.30 ITN Morning News (85590). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7500847)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (10267)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Trivia quiz game for couples (r) (s) (38538)
9.30 Schools Eureka (4849625) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (4837880) **10.00** Equinox (3443286) **10.53** Schools at Work (7418422) **11.00** Irish Scientists and Inventors (7418422) **11.22** Stage One (6801539) **11.40** Breaking the Mould (3533248)
12.00 House To House. Maya Even's political magazine (41002)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series. The guests are Bill Irwin and Queen Latifah (r) (10373) **1.30 Dr Snuggles** (r) (72355660)
1.55 Food File. The last in the series includes Hugo Arnold singing the praises of fish and Rabbi Jacqueline Tabick preparing the Jewish dish cholent (r). (Teletext) (s) (91705921)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing From Chester. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the **2.40, 3.10 (Dalham Chester Vase), 3.40** and **4.10** races (s) (19263977)
4.30 Fifteen-To-One. (Teletext) (s) (422)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guest, Dr Paula Hardin, believes there is a formula for happiness. The studio audience are asked how they would spend the rest of their lives if they were told they had only a month to live. (Teletext) (s) (8078731)
5.50 Terrytoons with Heckle and Jeckle (629373)
6.00 Babylon 5. American science-fiction drama series. (Teletext) (s) (687199)
6.55 Terrytoons featuring Deputy Dawg (287606)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (980118)
7.50 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (595422)
8.00 Africa Express. Toyin Fani-Kayode reports from Burkina Faso; Joseph Warungu is in Tanzania, and Audrey Brown investigates the changes in African advertising. (Teletext) (s) (7248)
8.30 Brookside. The trial of Mandy and Beth Jordache continues. (Teletext) (s) (9083)



Nicholas Ward-Jackson on Mondrian (9.00pm)

9.00 **Without Walls: Mondrian — Through the Keyhole.** (Teletext) (s) (6731) **9.30 Without Walls: McCarthyism — Bloody Old People.** (Teletext) (s) (70002)
10.00 FILM: The Playboys (1992) starring Albert Finney and Aidan Quinn. A comedy-drama set in a small Irish village in 1957 where the arrival of a group of travelling players leads to a confrontation between a policeman and an actor. Directed by Gilles MacKinnon. (Teletext) (s) (7083)
12.00 The Kids in the Hall. A showcase for Canadian comedians (r). (Teletext) (s) (8101045)
12.35am The Magic Fiddle. Music and anecdotes by fiddle players from around the world (r) (s) (7771590)
2.05 FILM: 21 Days (1937, b/w) starring Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh. A melodrama about a rake who accidentally kills the estranged husband of the woman he loves. Directed by Basil Dean and Alexander Korda (3880861). Ends at 3.25

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (7672731) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16380267) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2898373) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1765199) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (467422) **7.30-8.00** Anglia at War (809) **12.35am** Endsleigh League Extra (6209478) **1.20** The Little Picture Show (5106316) **2.15** The Beat (7656229) **3.10** Kid Creole and the Coconuts (2827132) **4.10** The New Music (9302300)

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (2898373) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1765199) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (467422) **7.30-8.00** Tuesday Special (809) **11.40** Blue Heelers (578809) **4.10am** Jobfinder (8016039) **5.20** Asian Eye (8124749)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (7672731) **1.25** Home and Away (51802354) **1.50** Vanessa (84050098) **2.20** Gardeners' Diary (20445915) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (2898373) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1765199) **6.25** Granada Tonight (467422) **7.00** Emmerdale (3286) **7.30-8.00** Surprise Gardeners (809) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (281731) **11.40** Crime Story (578809) **12.40am** Film: Hot Pursuit (John Cusack, Robert Loggia, Wendy Gazelle) (265403) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5265132) **3.45** America's Top Ten (24322107) **4.10** Jobfinder (9302300) **5.00** Vanessa (44836)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (7672731) **1.25** Home and Away (16380267) **1.55** Vanessa (85400539) **2.25** Wish You Were Here...? (20444286) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6580118) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1765199) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (625) **7.30-8.00** West Eye View (809) **10.30-10.40** HTV West News and Weather (281731) **4.10am** Jobfinder (9302300)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (1411793) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (9987354) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (4472688) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (625) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (809) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (281731)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (9987354) **12.55** Emmerdale (7672731) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16380267) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2898373) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4472688) **5.10** Home and Away (1765199) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making it Happen (826286) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (373) **6.30-7.00** Good for You (625) **7.30-8.00** A Tale of Four Sea Ports (809) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (281731) **12.35am** Endsleigh League Extra (6209478) **1.20** The Little Picture Show (5106316) **2.15** The Beat (7656229) **3.10** Kid Creole and the Coconuts (2827132) **4.10** The New Music (9302300) **5.00** Freescreen (44836)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (1411793) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (9996002) **12.25-12.30** My Story (9995373) **12.55** Emmerdale (7672731) **1.25** Home and Away (16380267) **1.55** Vanessa (85400539) **2.25** The Young Doctors (20444286) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (4472688) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1765199) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (77915) **7.30-8.00** On the Road to the Islands (809) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (281731) **4.10am** Jobfinder (9302300)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (1411793) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire, Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (9987354) **12.55** Emmerdale (7672731) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16380267) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2898373) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (4472688) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1765199) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (590199) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (625) **7.30-8.00** Animal Country (809) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (281731) **11.40** Film: Goddess of Love (Vanna White, David Naughton, David Leisure) (587826) **1.20am** The Little Picture Show (8889313) **2.20** Sport AM (7564294) **3.20** The Beat (9083942) **4.15** Jobfinder (7059565)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (10267) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (38538) **9.30** Ysgolion (363354) **12.00pm** House To House (41002) **12.30** The Magic Roundabout (67538) **1.00** Slot Meithrin Abc (13354) **1.30** Loved Ones (3403606) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing From Chester (19263977) **4.30** Saved By The Bell: The New Class (422) **5.00** 5 Pump: Uned 5 (1064) **5.30** Fifteen To One (842) **6.00** Newyddion (357644) **6.15** Heno (115557) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1828) **7.30** Shoobiau (151) **8.00** Dpr. Ffynnon Bywyd (7248) **8.30** Newyddion (9083) **9.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (6847) **10.00** Brookside (42731) **10.30** The Best Of The Tube (28151) **11.00** The Glam Top 10 (94539) **12.30am** The Token King (25636)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (62441) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (75063) **8.30** Blockbusters (74354) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (89593) **10.00** Concentration (47847) **10.30** Card Sharks (84118) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (55354) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (78170) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (94606) **1.00** The Waltons (22489) **2.00** Matlock (15248) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (4978489) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (8196147) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (8248) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (7267) **6.00** Spellbound (2441) **6.30** Family Ties (3793) **7.00** Rescue (8996) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8977) **8.00** The X-Files (36606) **9.00** Models Inc (49170) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (58557) **11.00** Late Show (783644) **11.50** The Untouchables (361606) **12.45am** 21 Jump Street (7510861) **1.30** In Living Color (37107) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (4141768)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2543248) **9.30** Fashion TV (65996) **10.30** ABC Nightline (85460) **1.30** CBS News (28977) **2.30** Parliament Live (86731) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (5164151) **7.30** The O.J. Simpson Trial (4175809) **11.30** CBS News (10002) **12.30am** CBS News (6198381) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (8571687) **2.30** Parliament Replay (21955) **4.30** CBS News (59126) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (36652)

SKY MOVIES
6.10am Showcase (88363606) **10.00 Caught in the Act** (1993) (98422) **12.00 Two of a Kind** (1983) (12151) **2.00pm Ice Castles** (1978) (40606) **4.00 Crooks Anonymous** (1962) (80205828) **5.55 Caught in the Act:** As 10am (21930460) **7.30 Close-Up: Kevin Kline on Dave** (7373) **8.00 Web of Deceit** (1994) (36033489) **9.35 1492: Conquest of Paradise** (1992) (63072083) **12.10am Sworn to Vengeance** (1993) (195565) **1.45 Map of the Human Heart** (1993) (978126) **3.30 Afterburn** (1993) (622045)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
2.00am Showcase (13793) **4.00 Dead Reckoning** (1947) (1921) **6.00 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** (1954) (33557) **8.00 What's New, Pussycat?** (1965) (38002) **10.00 Dressed to Kill** (1980) (738170) **11.45-2.00am California Split** (1974) (14716199)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Stranger (1946) (55151) **6.00 Bugs Bunny Superstar** (1975) (20170) **10.00 Cinderella** (1950) (82498460) **11.40 Affair in Trinidad** (1952) (26109286) **1.20pm Tarzan's New York Adventure** (1942) (8811151) **2.35 The Scarlet Blade** (1963) (7793915) **4.00 Bugs Bunny Superstar:** As 8am (3441) **6.00 Wind** (1992) (15007441) **8.05 The Cemetery Club** (1993) (20896557) **10.00 Best of the Best 2** (1993) (547880) **11.45 Golden Balls** (1993) (118847) **1.20am Lapse of Memory** (1991) (7865836) **2.45 Barbarians at the Gate** (1993) (979861) **4.30 The Magic Snowman** (45923)

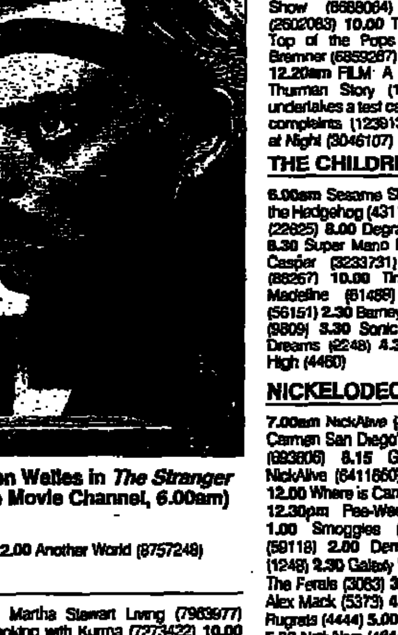
● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (3916460) **7.15** WWF Mania (670915) **8.15** Soccer News (1727847) **8.30** Yachting (87847) **9.30** Aerobics (58489) **10.00** Windsurfing (67625) **10.30** Fish Tales (1523575) **10.45** B & H Cricket (888847) **7.30** Soccer News (346118) **7.45** Fish Tales (415712) **8.00** Boots 'n' All (72422) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (92286) **10.00** Soccer News (841809) **10.15** Tartan Extra (877034) **11.00** B & H Cricket Highlights (96825) **12.00** Boots 'n' All (11590) **1.00am** Tartan Extra (7605294) **1.45-2.00** Fish Tales (3643887)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurogolf (46248) **8.30** Tennis (14335) **10.00** Equestrianism (80084) **11.00** Football (90118) **12.30pm** Speedworld (47489) **2.30** Car Racing (13248) **3.30** Ice Hockey (19880) **5.00** Football (72847) **6.30** News (9335) **7.00** Motors Magazine (62809) **9.00** Live Boxing (77877) **11.00** Snooker (81793) **12.00-12.30am** News (66403)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (1297625) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4428373) **1.00** Trailside (8751064) **1.30** The Restaurant Show (4427644) **2.00** Getaway (7905064) **2.30** Europe (8082335) **3.00** American Vacation (1940996) **4.00** Travel Guide (9006915) **4.30** Boomerang (9002199) **5.00** Colorado River Adventures (7829644) **5.30** The Restaurant Show (9088151) **6.00** Europe (9083064) **6.30** Discover America (5567793) **7.30** Getaway (9003828) **8.00** Around the World (7925828) **8.30** Travel Guide (7904335) **9.00** Globetrotter (1958915) **9.30** Discover America (3536064) **10.30** Colorado River (1207002) **11.00** American Trail (1953460) **11.30-12.00** Cruising the Globe (8373538)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (1294538) **8.30** Peyton Place (1293809) **9.00** As the World Turns (9891793) **10.00** Guiding Light (8760712) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8757248)



Orson Welles in *The Stranger* (The Movie Channel, 6.00am)

TLC
9.00am Martha Stewart Living (7963977) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (7273422) **10.00** Secret Gardens (6148354) **10.30** Jimmy's (7992489) **11.00** Only Human (7713660) **12.00** Mothers (7975441) **12.30pm** House Style (7284538) **1.00** Cooking with Kurma (3913408) **1.30** Martha Stewart Living (7283809) **2.00** Brain Sex (6149083) **3.00** Successful Home Video (8699170) **3.30-4.00** Two's Country (5448248)

UK GOLD
7.00am Little Lord Fauntleroy (4965035) **7.30** Neighbours (1218070) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7975712) **8.30** EastEnders (7974083) **9.00** The Bill (7965335) **9.30** Sutherland's Law (9934880) **10.30** Angels (85609996) **11.35** Going for Gold (12887151) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7985199) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7286996) **1.00** EastEnders (1113426) **1.30** The Bill (7285267) **2.00** After Henry (8689793) **2.30** Foreign Bodies (5478489) **3.00** Knots Landing (3474712) **4.00** Dallas (3493847) **5.00** Going For Gold (34571354) **5.25** XYZ (34590489) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1609606) **6.30** EastEnders (5453170) **7.00** Keep It in the Family (8890809) **7.30** Bread (5458354) **8.00** After Henry (8609557) **8.30** The Lenny Henry Show (8688064) **9.00** The Sweeney (2602083) **10.00** The Bill (7986828) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9753064) **11.10** Rory Bremner (6859267) **11.50** Dr Who (9939606) **12.20am** FILM: A Cry for Help: The Tracy Thurman Story (1989). A battered wife undertakes a test case after police ignore her complaints (1239132) **2.00-3.00** Shopping at Night (3046107)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (41248) **7.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (43118) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (22625) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (51002) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (3212248) **8.45** Casper (3233731) **9.00** Sesame Street (86267) **10.00** Tiny TCC (89373) **12.00** Madeline (61489) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (56151) **2.30** Barney (1996) **3.00** Dinobabies (9809) **3.30** Sonic (6441) **4.00** California Dreams (2248) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (4460)

NICKELODEON
7.00am NickAlive (3914002) **7.15** Where is Carmen San Diego? (694335) **7.45** Rugrats (693606) **8.15** Grimmy (719118) **8.45** NickAlive (6411660) **9.00** Nick Jr (498286) **12.00** Where is Carmen San Diego? (92593) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (50847) **1.00** Smoggies (17118) **1.30** Grimmy (59118) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (1248) **2.30** Galaxy High School (4688) **3.00** The Ferals (3083) **3.30** The Secret World of Alex Mack (5373) **4.00** Grimmy (4880) **4.30** Rugrats (4444) **5.00** Clarissa Explains (5828) **5.30** NickAlive (4644) **6.00** Rocko's Modern Life (1557) **6.30-7.00** The Adventures of Pete and Pete (2809)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Himalayas (5450083) **4.30** Giants of the Nullarbor (5456267) **5.00** Wings of the Luftwaffe (8680422) **6.00** Invention (5935539) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3248847) **7.30** Wildfim (5457996) **8.00** Wildside (2620489) **9.00** Man On The Rim (2600625) **10.00** Endangered World (2603712) **11.00-12.00** Out of the Past (6268575)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Man Who Wouldn't Talk (1958): Lawyer Anna Neagle defends secret agent Anthony Quayle (6155844) **2.00** thirtysomething (6143809) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (8693996) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5458002) **4.00** FILM: The Beggar's Opera (1952): Imprisoned highwayman Laurence Olivier brags about his exploits (17539683) **5.45** Torchy the Battery Boy (6192118) **6.00** Get Smart (5454286) **6.30** Police Woman (1351151) **7.30** Robin Hood (5444422) **8.00** thirtysomething (2617915) **9.00** Twin Peaks (2697151) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Romantic Englishwoman (1975): Glenda Jackson and Michael Caine in a Tom Stoppard-scripted farce (3468151)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (4982286) **7.00** Living Magazine (7577422) **9.00** Mr Smith's Indoor Garden (4977286) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5329538) **10.05** Mr Smith's Favourite Garden (2262335) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (70051002) **11.00** The Young And The Restless (5065996) **11.55** The Simple Programme (89468977) **12.00** Kilroy (6327847) **12.55pm** The Real McCoy (1770977) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2259422) **2.00** Agony Hour (7168880) **3.00** Living Magazine (8509712) **4.00** Infatuation (2658996) **4.30** Crosswits (9384511) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (75673422) **5.30** Italian Regional Cookery (7492248) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (3153199) **6.30** Brookside (8341915) **7.05** Crosswits (8160693) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6558880) **8.00** The Young And The Restless (6044809) **8.55** The Simple Programme (7786151) **9.00** FILM: The Day The Loving Stopped (1981): Divorce melodrama with Dennis Weaver and Valerie Harper (87878083) **10.55** Sneak Scenes (7891083) **11.00** Brookside (9596248) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (7163335)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Dangermouse (4354) **5.30** Black Beauty (5712) **6.00** My Two Dads (2625) **6.30** Catchphrase (3977) **7.00** Busmen's Holiday (4118) **7.30** Me and the Boys (2489) **8.00** Stay Lucky (30460) **9.00** Sirens (27996) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (62118) **10.30** Dangermouse (48538) **11.00** Lou Grant (29538) **12.00** Zorro (19565) **12.30am** Me and the Boys (90942) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (78658) **1.30** Rhoda (13565) **2.00** Sirens (36132) **3.00** Lou Grant (41869) **4.00** Rhoda (76671) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (86923)

MTV
5.00am Awake (40565) **6.30** The Grind (92996) **7.00** 3 from 1 (4796557) **7.15** Awake (5893373) **8.00** VJ Ingo (397083) **11.00** Soul (33731) **12.00** Greatest Hits (91118) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (77538) **2.00** 3 From 1 (52224606) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix (4832170) **3.00** Cinematic (5340064) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix (2383278) **4.00** News at Night (6381557) **4.15** The Afternoon Mix (6384880) **4.30** Dial (3118) **5.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (6712) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (79977) **6.30** MTV Sports (5335) **7.00** Greatest Hits (23170) **8.00** Guide to Alternative Music (49118) **9.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (37606) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (92847) **10.00** News (369880) **10.15** Cinematic (364335) **10.30** Real World (40996) **11.00** The End? (50511) **12.30am** The Grind (92300) **1.00** Soul (45213) **2.00** Night Videos (8757720)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (8750335) **9.00** Café (7753915) **12.00** The Bridge (4416538) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (4425286) **2.00** Heart and Soul (8370441) **3.00** Into the Music (6751712) **6.00** 1-2-3 (4944441) **6.15** Prime Cuts (8723996) **7.00** 1 For You (8579809) **8.00** Rock (8588557) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8568793) **10.00** The Bridge (8561880) **11.00** The Nightfly (6962915) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (6875126) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from 6am to 7pm, including 5.00pm Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (78405977) **8.00** Alif Laila (49507793) **8.30** Aangan Terha (49506064) **9.00** Hindi Movie Shararat (87444002) **12.00** Campus (49500880) **12.30pm** Manasi (76879539) **1.00** Hindi Movie (48476557) **4.00** Chunah (64313538) **4.30** Yugantar (64302422) **5.00** Kab Kyon Kahan (91188977) **5.30** Aangan Terha (64326002) **6.00** Tamil Veda Valu (64323915) **6.30** Campus (64314267) **7.00** Video Junction (91101441) **7.30** Yeh Hai Bombay Meri Jaan (64303151) **8.00** News. Zee and U (91127489) **8.30** Anlakshri (91106996) **9.00** Parampara (71144712) **9.30** Aap Ki Adalat (78682002) **10.00** Shakti (49518809) **10.30** Khirkyan (49527557) **11.00** Kachwa Aur Khargosh (71158557) **11.30-12.00** Krishna (86903267)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm The Emperor's Candlesticks (1937) (95070880) **9.00 Mrs Miniver** (1942) (77113354) **11.15 Smilin' Through** (1932) (68937712) **12.55am The Prizefighter and the Lady** (1933) (29297958) **2.45 The Bride Wore Red** (1938) (36573768)

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Utilities face call for high profits to trigger price cuts

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government should scrap the price-capping control of privatised utilities and replace it with a system under which high profits trigger price cuts, according to an independent study by the leading professional accountancy body for the public services, published today.

The study, from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), will add to the increasing calls — some from the utility regulators themselves — for a radical overhaul of the system of regulating the public utilities after controversy over the pay of their senior executives and over the effect on investors of the electricity regulator's reopening of his pricing review.

Labour party leaders have been highly critical of the Government's regulatory system, and, although they broadly favour a change based on rate-of-return regulation, they are likely to see today's report as an authoritative criticism of what they now view as a flawed system.

In its study, the CIPFA says that the reopening by Professor Stephen Littlechild, Director-General of Offer, the electricity regulator, of the price review governing his industry "has seriously weakened the incentive properties of the regulatory system". His move to revisit distribution price controls only seven months after making what was supposed to be a full decision on the issue "followed hard on a relentless political and media campaign against high profits and associated excesses such as executive pay and share options", the report says.

Though the study, by the CIPFA's regulatory research arm, the Centre for the Study of Regulated Industries (CRI), accepts that the current RPI-X regulatory system has "excellent" incentive properties by encouraging the utilities it covers to produce at the lowest cost, it says that the system is very inflexible, and provides for the build-up of undesirable high profits or for the prospect of losses.

Such profits mean that "popular resentment can build up against the utilities and the regulators which, if taken seriously, can compromise the whole system of incentive regulation", while the prospect of losses would lead to regulated companies seeking a price review from their regulator or from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Instead, the CRI — whose activities are sponsored by a range of bodies including the Department of Trade and Industry — proposes a return to what it says is a largely forgotten regulatory device of so-called "sliding-scale" regulation.

The report, prepared by economists from the London School of Economics and Loughborough University and CIPFA staff, says that the high profits that can be generated within RPI-X price-capping "can often sit uneasily in the political culture" and can lead to "less efficient but superficially more equitable" rate-of-return regulation.

Instead, it advocates a sliding-scale or profit-sharing regulatory system, under which, if profits rise above a specified level, the utility must cut its prices, with no regulators' discretion.

Although the CRI says that a strong incentive still exists under this method for a utility to maximise profits, some of the profits would then go to customers, rather than to shareholders, though it would ensure that, in tougher times, shareholders would always be able to earn a "fair" return.

Utilities would be able to pay the profit levy as a one-off rebate or avoid it by cutting prices below the standard price.

CBI to reject minimum wage scheme

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders will give strong support to the Conservatives when they reject Labour's proposals for a statutory national minimum wage — at whatever level it is set.

But industry's move, which will be made next week, follows a new study today of the minimum wage by the Labour party that seems to be indicating what may be a significant shift over how a future Labour government would fix a legally enforced floor under wages.

At its governing council meeting, the Confederation of British Industry is expected to approve a policy paper strongly rejecting the idea of a statutory national minimum wage in the UK.

Though the CBI's document is not likely to back explicitly the Conservatives' rejection of a minimum wage, it will refuse to accept Labour's plans for its introduction.

Some Labour leaders had hoped that the CBI might have been ready to accept what they claim is considerable academic and other evidence in support of a minimum wage, and they will be disappointed at the confederation's expected conclusion.

The CBI paper, which has been prepared jointly by its economics and employment divisions after careful consultation with industry — especially with companies most likely to be affected by a statutory minimum — looks at the impact of a statutory minimum in different economic sectors and industries.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, is being pressed by some of the party's large trade unions to set a figure for the minimum wage in advance of the general election. They want to see a figure of up to £4.15 an hour.

But in its document, the CBI rejects a minimum wage, regardless of the level at which it would be set. If it is set at too high a level, business leaders will argue, it will cost jobs, while if it set at a level low enough to have only a minor impact on employment, it will do nothing to alleviate low pay and poverty.

Sir Brian Nicholson, CBI president, reflects business's concern about having to deal with the impact of a minimum wage under a potential Labour government by insisting that it is right for the CBI to consider the issue seriously, though he concedes there is "unease" about the principle of a legal minimum.

As part of its consideration, the CBI is to stage a symposium on the issue, probably in June before the TUC special conference on the minimum wage the following month.

Harriet Harman, Labour's Shadow Employment Secretary, says today: "Britain is alone amongst developed nations in having no floor under wages." She says that Labour is committed to introducing a national minimum which will protect people at work from exploitation by poverty pay and prevent taxpayers from subsidising employers who will not pay proper wages.

In a study of how the minimum wage is set in other countries, Labour notes that it is usually set by agreement, takes account of any possible employment effects, and is normally set in relation to prices rather than earnings.

Some Labour leaders may well use this last point as a means of introducing a more flexible form of minimum wage, rather than the specific level set down by the party's current minimum-setting pay formula.

The Department of Employment said that the UK's deregulated labour market had seen better job growth than in a number of countries with statutory minimum wages.

The Department said: "A statutory national minimum wage would distort the labour market and destroy jobs, particularly for young people and the unskilled."

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Micro power: Richard King, left, chairman of Toy Options Group, and Kiran Shah, finance director, hope to raise £3.5 million when Toy Options comes to market at the end of May. The company markets and distributes toys such Biker Mice from Mars, Robocop and Stretch Armstrong. Issues revival, page 37

Pound and dollar set for rocky week

BY JANET BUSH
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STERLING held steady yesterday, helped by the absence of London currency dealing for the VE-Day anniversary, but nervousness remains high after the shock decision on Friday by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, not to raise interest rates and both the pound and the dollar are set for a rocky week on foreign exchange markets.

Trading volume was low as other centres awaited the return of London. The pound hovered for most of the day around DM2.19, just over a pfennig above its record low hit on April 19. It firmed a little against the dollar, which ended European trading at about $1.6085 to the pound from Friday's close at $1.5985.

The Bank of England remained silent on Mr Clarke decision throughout the holiday weekend and dealers are now eager to see the Bank's *Inflation Report* on Thursday for signs of its attitude.

The dollar came under modest pressure against the yen in Far East trading after news that trade talks between the US and Japan have broken down and that the US was considering tough sanctions.

However, the selling saw no real follow-through in Europe. In late trading, the dollar was quoted at Y82.85 compared with Friday's close of Y84.

The French franc firmed to 3.5465 to the mark from Friday's 3.5720 in the wake of Jacques Chirac's victory in the presidential elections.

Jobs lost as firms cut back on derivatives operations

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE reverberations from the collapse of Barings, the merchant bank, in February after a Singapore-based trader run up £860 million losses continue to be felt in the City as firms start to cut back their derivatives and futures operations.

Nick Leeson, the Barings trader whose activities led to the failure of the bank, is currently in a Frankfurt jail awaiting the decision of a German court on whether to grant the Singapore Government's extradition request.

At least four firms have cut back their derivatives trading activities recently and others are rumoured to be planning to follow suit.

Last week, Chase Manhattan said it would stop trading at Liffe, the London financial futures exchange, after its decision to wind down its international futures broking activities in response to low volumes of business.

A spokeswoman said the decision would affect 50 jobs in the UK out of a total of 170 worldwide. Twenty UK trading and broking jobs have already gone. The remaining 30 were futures clearing staff, of whom between ten to 20 would be offered jobs doing futures clearing for custody clients. The rest will lose their jobs over the next few months.

Tullet & Tokyo has closed its exchange traded derivatives operation with the loss of seven jobs, four on the Liffe floor. Derek Tullet, the president, said the operation "did not make any money and was not part of our core interests".

Dean Witter has made three options staff redundant. Chris Hartley, the managing director of Dean Witter International, said "volumes of business have shrunk in that area of the business".

Richard Reinert, managing director of Refco, the futures trader, said it had not cut jobs. He said other firms were cutting jobs "because of low volume levels, but there could be a sudden increase in volumes and it is dangerous to be caught short of staff".

He said the reason other firms were cutting jobs was the "losses that occurred in most of the capital markets as a result of adverse conditions in the bond markets".

Warburg, which is in negotiations to sell its investment banking business to Swiss Bank Corporation, slimmed its derivatives operation in March with the loss of 90 jobs.

Leeson: awaiting decision

SBC closer to Warburg purchase

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE £800 million sale of SG Warburg to Swiss Bank Corporation (SBC) moved closer to completion last night after a series of crucial bank holiday meetings between the two sides and their advisers.

Swiss Bank is continuing with its due diligence investigations, but a formal offer could come as soon as this week.

The Swiss team is led by Marcel Ospel, SBC's head of investement banking, together with his advisers, Hambro Magan. Sir David Scholey, chairman of SG Warburg, has taken personal charge of the negotiations and is being advised by Schroders.

Part of the deal hinges on what happens to Mercury Asset Management (MAM), the highly-profitable fund management company that is 75 per cent owned by SG Warburg.

MAM is not part of the package, but City analysts expect keen interest to be expressed, not least by the major high street banks.

Gooda Walker victors sell expertise

BY MARTIN WALLER

TWO of the most painful thorns in the side of the Lloyd's insurance market are planning to form an action group that will fight on behalf of small shareholders in crashed companies.

Alfred Doll-Steinberg and Tom Benyon, veterans of a bruising legal struggle to gain compensation for the victims of the Lloyd's catastrophe, will in the next ten days formally launch the Mountleigh Action Group, set up to claw back to shareholders some of the losses from the property group that crashed in 1992. Mr Doll-Steinberg said the Mountleigh assault is part of a "wider shareholder resistance movement" that will home in on corporate disasters and attempt to ensure, for a share of the spoils, that the smaller shareholders do not lose out entirely to the benefit of banks and other secured creditors.

He and Mr Benyon, a former Conservative MP, are co-founders of the Gooda Walker Action Group formed four years ago. Last October they secured a victory in the biggest case of its kind in English legal history in a court judgment worth £504 million. Their involvement in Mountleigh has secured a response from just short of 500 shareholders in the group, built up by the property developer Tony Clegg and then sold before its £590 million collapse.

The action group is looking to take a success fee of 10 per cent of any recoveries, and subsequent actions will follow a similar pattern. Mr Doll-Steinberg, who refers to the City of London as "Sodom-and-Gomorrah on Thames," is reserving most of his ire in the case of Mountleigh for the receiver, KPMG Peat Marwick. He claims the latter has adopted "an utterly disgusting attitude" towards the small shareholders. KPMG says it owes no strict duty towards those shareholders.

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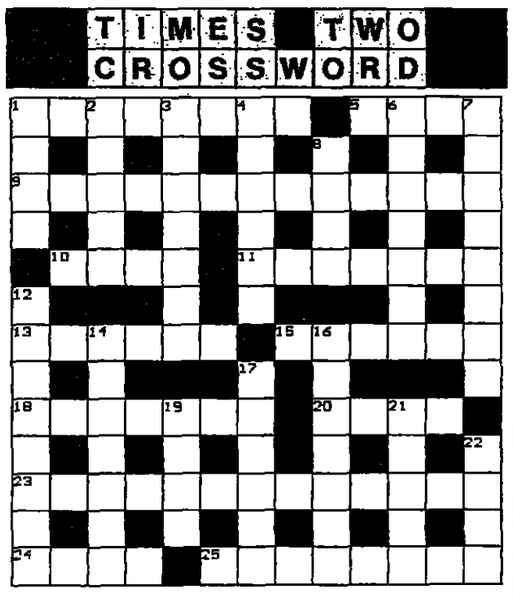

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23 Act ruthlessly (4,2,7)
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6 Without assistance (7)
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8 Run fast: skin (4)
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